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*FX: JUMP

*banner: FOOD PROCUREMENT SQUAD

食糧調達班

JUST YOU WAIT, THIEF!!

HEY THERE!

*FX: CLOPPA CLOPPA

CRAP! THAT OLD ASS'S FASTER THAN I THOUGHT!

HE'S CATCHIN' UP.

*FX: SPROING

*FX: MHRRRN

*FX: SCATTER

YOU SURE COST ME TIME.

*FX: SPROING

HNN!

*WHOCK

HERE.

ポイ

*FX: TOSS

*FX: PAP

MISTER ...

!!!

*SHONK SHONK SHONK

I CAN'T EVEN DO BUSINESS PEACE-FULLY.

WHAT THE BLAZES IS THIS WORLD COMING TO? A KID LIKE *YOU*, A BANDIT?

MISTER ...

*HNG...

JUST KEEP QUIET AND TAKE IT.

I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE, A KID LIKE YOU MAKIN' IT ON HIS OWN.

..DROP!!

*HYAH

せい!

*GEFF

ゲッ!!

*WHUMP

ドサッ

...

*GRAB

MISHH-TERRR!

DON'T LET IT GET YOU DOWN, SONNY.

HNNN HNNN

ISI--

YOU ROTTEN SCOUN-DRELLL!

*FLINCH

ビク。

*BLORP *BLORP

ドク。ドク。

*ZHA

HAND 'EM *ALL* OVER, STINGY BASTARD. GROWING BOYS NEED NOURISHMENT.

YA BULL-HEADED...

*TWITCH TWITCH

ビク。ビク。

*HNGAHHHH

うわああああ

I'LL TIE YOU UP AND TOSS YOU IN THE RIVER!!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, YOU LITTLE BRAAAAT!!

*FX: EEHRRNN CHOMP CHOMP

モヒヒイイーン

シャク。シャク。

FISHIN', *HUH?* NO THANKS.

MY GLOVES'RE WORN AND MY JOINTS ACHE.

AHHH, SHIT! HOW'M I GONNA LAND A HIT ON GUTS?

THAT'LL BE TOUGH WITH YOUR SKILLS AND HIM BEIN' NEARLY A MONSTER AND ALL.

V'YOU TRIED THROWIN' STONES? LIKE BEFORE?

IT'S MEANING-LESS IF IT AIN'T SWORD-PLAY!

*FX: SHNK SHNK

*FX: WHOP

*FX: WHIP

*FX: FLAP FLAP

*FX: COOO

YEAH, WELL ...

BUT WHEN IT COMES TO STONES, YOU REALLY ARE GOOD.

I'VE SURVIVED 'CALISE OF THESE AND MY WITS.

AND YOUR IMPUDENCE AND DEPRAVITY ...

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN STAND UP TO AN ADULT IN A FAIR FIGHT.

TWO-HANDED THROWIN'. NOW *THAT'S* SKILL.

GOT SOME MEAT!

BIG HAUL TODAY.

.....

*FX: CLENCH

*FX: ZHAAAAAH

ザアアアアアアアアアア

*KLAK

*KLAK

*KLAK

URAHH!!

WHOA.

*VNN

*FLAPA

OH, MY ...

*DENK

ACTUALLY, NO. YOU WERE *REALLY* ON A ROLL THERE.

R...

REALLY ?

AN ELF'S WORK IS NEVER DONE.

SON OF A BITCH! I KNEW IT!

WIELDING WITH BOTH HANDS SO YOU CAN FEINT WAS ALSO A GOOD IDEA.

USE YOUR SMALL SIZE TO YOUR ADVANTAGE AND ATTACK FROM BELOW, 'CAUSE MOST FIGHTERS DON'T EXPECT LOW BLOWS.

ABOUT WHAT?

YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

HEY.

YOU'D BEST LAND YOUR LAST STRIKE WHERE YOU CAN SEE GARMENTS. IT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PEN-ETRATE ARMOR WITH *YOUR* STRENGTH.

BUT IF YOU ONLY ATTACK FROM BELOW, YOUR ENEMIES'LL GET USED TO IT. YOU NEED A PLAN THEY CAN'T SEE THROUGH.

UH-HUH...

.....

YEAH, BUT...!

AREN'T YOU LAYIN' THE GROUNDWORK EVERY DAY ?

YOU SURE ABOUT A NOVICE LIKE *ME* LEARNIN' THESE KINDS OF IMPROVISED TACTICS?

AIN'T TRAININ' ABOUT PRACTICIN' BASICS FOR A LONG TIME BEFORE LEARNIN' TECHNIQUES AND STUFF?

THEN HOW 'BOUT THE TRADITIONAL SCHOOL OF ELF DIMENSION STYLE?

EVERYTHING ABOUT US IS DIFFERENT, INCLUDING FIGHTING STYLES.

.....

FOR STARTERS, YOU WON'T GET ANY-WHERE IMITATIN' ME, RIGHT ?

*TMP

*TMP

TALK ABOUT PATIENT.

OR DO YOU PLAN TO WAIT AND TRAIN FOR DECADES TO BECOME SOME MASTER BEFORE GOIN' OUT TO THE BATTLEFIELD?

IN THAT CASE ...

...ALL YOU CAN DO IS WORK WITH WHAT YOU'VE CURRENTLY GOT.

Y...

YOU BET YOUR ASS I DON'T !!

YOU DON'T JUST HAVE ONE OPPONENT, AND THERE'S ARROWS AND CANNONBALLS FLYIN' AROUND. YOU CAN'T SURVIVE ONLY ON SWORD SKILLS. THAT SAID, IT AIN'T UNCOMMON FOR SOME HALF-ASSED MASTER TO GET SWARMED AND KILLED BY SOME GANG WANTIN' TO GET FAMOUS.

BESIDES, A BATTLEFIELD'S DIFFERENT FROM EXHIBITION GAMES.

ISN'T THAT...

...HOW YOU'VE MADE IT THIS FAR?

I TOLD YOU ALREADY. STRAIN WHAT FEW WITS YOU HAVE AND THINK FOR YOURSELF.

THEN, HOW DO YOU...

THAT WAS COOOOLD.

ON THAT NOTE, ELF DIMENSION STYLE IS ONE OF FORCE, MAN TO MAN...

.....

RATHER KIND OF YOU.

.....

WOULD YOU MIND JOINING ME IN GATHERING FIREWOOD ?

FEH!

*FX: ZHAAAAAAH

IF YOU WON'T DO THINGS WHEN YOU CAN...

...YOU WON'T *EVER* DO 'EM!

FAREWELL!!

YOU AREN'T READY YET...!

ISIDRO, STOP THIS!

...ON A BATTLEFIELD SINCE THE TIME I RAN OUT ON THE VILLAGE.

THINKIN' ABOUT IT, MAYBE I'VE BEEN...

I'LL BE THE ONE WHO USES *THEM!!*

IT WAS CARELESS OF ME TO RELY ON OTHERS!

ME IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE? A COURT SERVANT? NO THANKS!

*SPLURT SPLURT

HEH! WHAT A LAUGH.

THEN WHY...?

HOW PRETENTIOUS FOR A GREENHORN.

'DRO.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, JUST WHATTA YOU PLAN TO DO ONCE YOU LEARN THE SWORD FROM ME? GOVERNMENT SERVICE OR SOMETHIN'?

I...I LOST...?

GO ON, RELY. AS YOUR MASTER, I'LL SPOIL YOU PLENTY.

THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO OBSTI-NATE...

COME, LEAP INTO THESE ARMS, MY SON.

*FX: PISSED

QUIT READIN' PEOPLES' MONO-LOGUES!

ムキィー!

A DISCIPLE HAS NO PRIVACY!

...OR RISIN' UP IN SOCIETY!! WHAT *I'M* AFTER IS...

LISTEN UP! WHAT I'M AFTER AIN'T AS PETTY AS COURT SERVICE...

'DRO'S (CURRENT) PLAN

...ULTIMATE SWORDSMAN !!!

*DAZZLE

ULTIMATE

...BEIN' THE...

*YEAHH!

EH, IT MIGHT WORK... IT'S SIMPLE-MINDED...

WHAT WAS THAT IFFY WRY SMILE FOR?!

*FX: TWITCH

ピク?!

*FX: WHEWWW

I REALLY DON'T THINK I COULD COME TO LIKE HANDLING MEAT. IT'S DISGUSTING.

LET'S GET STARTED.

UH OH.
THESE ARE RATHER DAMP.

*FX: HYNN

HYN.

YOU GOT US ALONE SO YOU COULD SETTLE THE SCORE, RIGHT?

DON'T PLAY DUMB.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

.....

IF YOU'RE NOT IN THE MOOD, I'M LEAVIN'.

SUDDENLY YOU'RE SENILE...

I MERELY THOUGHT I WOULD DEEPEN MY FRIENDSHIP WITH YOU... THAT I WOULD BE PERFECTLY FRANK.

MY, MY, WHAT A HOTHEADED FELLOW.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

*PLAP

*SPIP

PI.

WHAA?

...I AM THINKING HOW NICE IT WOULD BE IF YOU *DIED.*

TO BE *PERFECTLY* FRANK...

THERE'S THAT FACE AGAIN, FINALLY.

HEH!

*FX: POK

...THIS IS WHAT SHE HERSELF WISHES.

HOW-EVER...

IF I COULD, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE HER ABANDON THIS RECKLESS JOURNEY AT ONCE.

BY GOING ALONG WITH YOU, LADY FARNESE IS EXPOSED TO DANGER.

I DO NOT KNOW THAT DEFENSE-LESS SIDE OF HER.

IT'S NOT LIKE LADY FARNESE AT ALL...

THAT FACE, LIKE AN INFANT THAT'S CRIED ITS EYES OUT...

YOU CHANGED HER.

I'LL KEEP IT IN MIND.

...IF THIS JOURNEY LEADS TO SOMETHING SUCH AS HER *DEMISE*...

HOWEVER...

.....

SO LONG AS LADY FARNESE CONTINUES THIS JOURNEY, AS HER ATTENDANT I WILL DO MY BEST TO GET ALONG WITH YOU.

BUT, ALAS, I SET ASIDE MY PERSONAL FEELINGS.

...THAT IS WHEN, AS YOU WISH, I SHALL OPPOSE YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

I DO HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND.

ODD-BALL.

EEEEEEK!

WHAT HAP-PENED ?!

WHAT THE-- ?!

*FX: TAP TMP

AAA!

!

A BRI-GAND ?!

BASTARD!

*ZHA

NOOOO!!

*ZHA

*ZHA

AUUU!!

HEY, YOU!!

JUST YOU WAIT!!

*WHOCK

A THIEF'S PRIDE DOESN'T FORGIVE!

KIDNAP-PIN' THEM RIGHT IN FRONT 'A ME, YA CREEP?!

*SNATCH

*FX: VSSH

URAH!

*GROH

OOO

YOU ALL RIGHT ?!

YEAH!

WHAT ?

...NOT HUMAN!

THAT'S ...

THIS FEELING ?!

!

SSSSSS
ハハハハ・・・

WHOA!

WHAT IS THAT THING...?!

IGHH

...A T-TROLL ?!

IT'S TROLLS.

BUT IT AIN'T HUMANS UP THERE.

...THAT'S ...

YOU MEAN...

*NGEEE

*JAK

NEW SPECIES OF APE.

UGHH, GROSS.

*SQUEEZE

NO, WAIT.

KH...!

*FX: SNATCH

*SHFF!!

*GOFF GOFF

WHEN YOU LOOK CLOSE, IT'S NOT BUILT ALL THAT BIG...

JUST ONE ENEMY.

H-HERE IT COMES, ISIDRO. STONES, STONES!

WE SHOULD HURRY AND GET AWAY...!!

WHA-HEY?!

I'LL TAKE IT !!!

RIGHT!

WHATTA WE DO?

HEYYY ...

UH-OH. NOW THEY'RE GONNA DIE.

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LET'S DO THIS!!

AH...

YA UGLY MON-KEY!

*FX: HFFF HFFF

*GRIP

I'M NOT...

...AFRAAAID.

*BA

*GAJINNG

UOH!

OH!

OH!

WHOM

ISIDRO!

*FX: GYANNNG

*FX: CRACK!

*ARR
ARR

PA
HA!!!

IT AIN'T NEARLY AS SLOW AS IT LOOKS!!

WHAT THE HELL?!

*WRAK

*SCOOT

*FX: THNK

*FX: WHAP

I'M DEA--

I...

BEHH!

WAH, STUPID ...!!

*HYNN

*FX: PSH

*FX: SPRING

*FX: GYAW!

!

?!

BERRIES ...?

DON'T MOVE.

WH-WHAT THE--?!

IS THAT...?!

WHAT ...?

TAKE A LOOK AROUND.

AGH ...

UGH ...

BE QUIET.

THERE IS DANGER.

!

WH-WHEN DID THEY...?

THEY ARE SURE TO FORM PACKS.

TROLLS RARELY HUNT ALONE.

*FX: SSSF

CROUCH DOWN, PLEASE.

AH, YES, YES!

ALL OF YOU, COME HERE.

...

*FX: HYNN

?!

*CHULP

WHATEVER HAPPENS ...

LISTEN CLOSELY.

*SSS

...YOU MUST NOT EXIT OR DISTURB THIS CIRCLE.

*TNK

*TMP

IT'S *MAGIC*!

WH- WHAT IS THIS?

...IS A MAGIC RITUAL!

THIS...

MAGIC ...?!

!

THEN DOES THAT MEAN...?!

AN ELF!!

!

ONE A' ME! WOWEE!

HMHM...

THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS.

THAAAT'S RIGHT!

SHE'S A *WITCH!*

*ZHMP

ヒョイ。

...SO YOU BETTER SHUSH AND NOT BOTHER HER, IF YOU DON'T WANNA DIE. ♡

WHAT SHE'S CHANTIN' RIGHT NOW IS A SPELL TO PROTECT ALL YOU FROM THE SHAGGIES...

EGHE-HYEH.

ADONAI TSABAUT.

ARGRAH.

*SWSS

*SWSS

YDDO HEGH VAU HEGH.

WHOA! WHAT'S HIS DEAL?!

I'VE MISSED YAAA! ♡

HE SHRUNK!

*GRAHH

*LUNGE

*GWEH

*GEH GEH

*GYAH

*GYAH

H-HEY!

*FX: VMM VMM

TH-THEY'RE GONNA COME S-SWARMIN'!!

!GH!

AGH HHH!

*ZZZT

WHFF

ギャア、

ギャア、

*FX: NGA NGA

LIKE I SAID, MAGIC.

WHAT... WAS THAT LIGHT...?!

*SSSS

スウ..

*HYNNN

*HYNNN

*HYNNN

*NRAHH

ガッ

*NRAHH

ガッ

ホホホ…

YOU OWE US ONE.

*HO HO HO

*WHEWWW

SH-- SHAAPE

ぷひゅ！

…

WHAT'S GOIN' ON...?!

WOW ...!!

ザザザ…

*FX: ZHA ZHA ZHA

*BATHUMP

A WITCH...

ドクン。

*BATHUMP

ドクン。

U

?

?

*(nervous)

OD?

ELEM-ENTA?

DON'T BOTHER TELLIN' THESE GUYS STUFF LIKE THAT.

AFTER ALL, TO THOSE NOT OF THIS WORLD, IT IS THE SAME AS BEING SHOT WITH FIRE ARROWS.

I USED HAIR AS A CATALYST TO PROJECT THE POWER OF FIRE ELEMENTALS ALONG THE FLOW OF OD.

BEGGING YOUR PARDON...

IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU TOOK YOUR LEAVE OF THIS REGION QUICKLY.

PLEASE HEED SOME ADVICE.

...BUT BASED ON WHAT I SAW...

WE MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT WE'RE PRETTY USED TO MONSTERS LIKE THOSE.

N-NO NEED TO WORRY.

...THE NEXT TIME, YOUR SWORD SKILLS WILL COST YOU YOUR LIFE.

WHAAAT ...?!

YOU GOT SCHOOLED, RIGHT WHERE IT HURTS.

*FX: GLOMP

H-HEY, WAIT. OLD HAG!!

A LITTLE LEARNIN'S A DANGER-OUS THING

I MUST GO.

*FX: WOOP

*FX: SWIP

OHHH, NOW YOU DONE IT.

...

...

*GROPE

WH- WHAT THE...?!

THOSE AREN'T AN OLD HAG'S!! FOR THAT MATTER, THEY'RE HARDLY THERE!

A KID...?!

*BONK

LADY FARNESE !!

HEY, WHAT GIVES ?!

*OOK OOK OOK

ウキキー

WELL ...

WHAT IS HE DOING ?

WHAT HAP-PENED ?

OOGA OOGA! HAVE AN ACORN, MONKICHI.

THEY'RE A BUNCH'A DOLTS.

EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T **FORMULATE** WITH GROUP MAGIC, THEY SAW THE PENTAGRAM.

HAS THIS REGION BEEN INVADED BY THE OTHER LAYER TO SUCH AN EXTENT?

.....

SHALL WE LEAVE HIM BE? HE SEEMS TO ENJOY THIS.

THAT MAN, TOO...

*FX: OOGA OOGA

AND THAT GIRL...

...THOSE TWO?

WHO ARE...

...THEY'RE ATTRACTING DISTORTION.

IT'S LIKE...

THAT DAMN WITCH KID! OOK!

カキキ

SON'VA BITCH! OOK!

*FX: OOK

YES. THANKS TO YOU, OUR TWO WOMEN WERE SAFE.

I AIN'T SATISFIED! OOK!

WHEN'LL I GO BACK TO... NORMAL?! OOK!

GOOD JOB, FOR YOU.

THANKS A LOT.

...IN THE END, YOU WERE SAVED BY WITCH GIRL, TOO, MONKICHI.

WELL...

OOK! QUIT THAT! YOU TELLIN' ME THAT MAKES ME FEEL ALL CREEPY! OOK!

*FX: EEEE!

ムキ!

YOU WITH YOUR SPEECH IMPEDI-MENT!

WHO'S A MON-KICHI?! OOK!

I MEAN IT.

I'D RATHER...

...NOTHING LIKE THAT HAPPEN AGAIN.

?

*SCOOT

SHE SEEMS TO HAVE COMPLETELY TAKEN TO LADY FARNESE.

W... WELL, PERHAPS ...

...WILL SAVE YOU.

OOGA OOGA

OOGA OOGA

SOMEONE OTHER THAN ME...

CAN'T STOP MYSELF!

ウキャ!

*FX OOKEE!

DON'T PLAY WITH ME!

FOR NOW, THAT'S FINE.

I WOULD...

...ONLY HURT YOU.

I HAVE SEEN ENOUGH GHOSTS AND MONSTERS RECENTLY TO BE SICK OF THEM.

NO, I DID NOT MEAN THAT.

OH, IT'S GONE.

WHAT? YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME?

STILL... TROLLS AND A WITCH ?

WHO'RE *YOU* TO TALK?

YEAH, COME TO THINK OF IT.

I WAS JUST THINKING THAT, COMPARED TO THOSE, THEY SEEM A BIT FAIRY TALE-ISH.

COULD THERE BE AN APOSTLE?

TROLLS AND A WITCH.

HM?

WHAT THE...?

TH-THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU SAVED ME.

WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED ?

WE'RE NOT GONNA EATCHA.

HERE, HOLD STILL.

THE SUN'S STILL HIGH, ANYWAY.

FINE BY ME.

IS THERE ANY WAY WE CAN SEE HIM THERE?

THERE WERE FIVE OTHERS WITH ME, BUT THEY ALL...

WE WERE ATTACKED BY TROLLS.

YOU WILL NEVER MAKE IT BACK ALONE WITH THOSE INJURIES.

MY VILLAGE IS ABOUT AN HOUR FROM HERE.

ARE YOU FROM AROUND HERE, SIR?

THE TROLLS, *HUH...?*

...BUT THIS AREA HAS FOR A LONG TIME HELD MANY LEGENDS OF FAIRIES, WITCHES, AND THE LIKE.

I AM FROM ***ENOCH VILLAGE.*** I'M ***MORGAN.***

AS TRAVELERS, YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW THIS...

THERE IS SOME-WHERE I ABSO-LUTELY MUST GO FIRST.

I APOLO-GIZE, BUT I CANNOT RETURN HOME JUST YET...

?

CURSED NIGHT?

...UNTIL THAT CURSED NIGHT CAME.

...THERE WERE SOME WHO SAID THEY HAD ACTUALLY SEEN THEM. BUT THERE HAD BEEN NO HARD PROOF, AND EVEN AMONG NATIVES THERE WERE NOT MANY WHO BELIEVED THE LEGENDS THROUGH AND THROUGH...

ALTHOUGH THAT IS THE REALM OF FABLE AND FOLKLORE...

JUST LIKE THEY HAD FALLEN OUT OF A TALE...

...THEY EMERGED FROM THE DARKNESS.

...A PACK OF TROLLS ATTACKED THE VILLAGE.

THE FIRST NIGHT OF WINTER...

.....

AS IF ALL THAT HAD BEEN BEFORE WAS A LIE...

YES, EVER SINCE THAT NIGHT IT'S LIKE THE WHOLE WORLD HAS CHANGED.

NOT ONLY DO THEY RUIN THE FIELDS AND STEAL LIVESTOCK...

THEY EVEN CARRY OFF OUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

A LEGEND FOR A LEGEND...

NOW WE ARE RAIDED BY CREATURES OF LEGEND... IT IS JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE VILLAGE IS WIPED OUT!

BECAUSE OF THE WAR WITH THE KUSHAN, HEAVY TAXES ARE IMPOSED ON THE PEOPLE. ENOCH VILLAGE WAS POOR TO BEGIN WITH, AND IT WILL BE ALL WE CAN DO NOT TO STARVE TO DEATH THIS WINTER!

...WOULD HE EVER SEND SOLDIERS FOR SUCH *NONSENSE* LIKE TROLLS?!

EVEN IF WE WERE TO TELL HIM...

OUR LORD HAS BEEN DISPATCHED TO VRITANNIS, AND THE CASTLE IS NOW EMPTY.

THEN DO YOU PLAN TO APPEAL DIRECTLY TO YOUR LORD?

THEN WHAT'LL YOU DO ?

WE THOUGHT WE WOULD REQUEST HELP FROM A WITCH.

A WITCH.

A WITCH ...?!

.....

IT IS SAID THAT DEEP IN THIS FOREST LIVES A WITCH IN HER MANSION.

ONLY THOSE THE MISTRESS OF THE MANSION WILLS MAY REACH THAT PLACE...

IN ANY CASE, THE VILLAGERS ARE TOO AFRAID TO GO NEAR...

...BUT OF OLD THERE SOMETIMES HAVE BEEN CHILDREN WHO CLAIMED THEY SAW IT.

EVENTUALLY WE WERE UNLUCKY ENOUGH TO FIND TROLLS ...

WE ALREADY SEARCHED THE FOREST FOR FIVE DAYS BUT COULD NOT FIND ANYTHING LIKE THAT...

SO THERE'S A WITCH'S SPELL CAST ON THIS FOREST?

THEN WOULDN'T IT BE A WASTE OF TIME NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU SEARCHED ?

*FX. WSSS

スゥ。。。

IMPOSSI-
BLE!!

SOME-
ONE'S
PASSED
THROUGH
THE
BARRIER
?!

ELEMEN-
TALS!

*MOGGHH

THIS OLD FAMILIAR FEELING ...

WHAT'S THIS?

!

WH-WHAT THE HELL ...?!

WHA ...?

WILD. THIS IS JUST LIKE A FAIRY TALE!

... SPARKLY THINGS ?

SOME ...

HEY, HEY, WE FOUND IT ALREADY, MISTER.

OHH ...

IT REALLY WASN'T A DREAM ...

EH?

WAIT, IS THE *HOUSE* GROWIN' OUT OF THE *TREES* ?

TREES GROWIN' OUT OF A HOUSE !

OHHH WOW!

NOW WHAT KINDA PAYBACK SHOULD I GET?!

YOU'LL JUST GET TURNED INTO MONKICHI AGAIN.

THAT WITCH KID'S PROBABLY HERE, TOO...

*WHAP

ONE OF THOSE CHILDREN WAS *ME.*

NO ONE BELIEVED ME, AND SO MANY YEARS PASSED THAT EVEN I CAME TO THINK IT WAS A DREAM.

DID I NOT SAY SOME CHILDREN SAW THIS MANSION LONG AGO?

GET AWAY FROM THAT!!

!

ISIDRO !

WHAT'S THE MATTER ?

DEAD SPIRITS?! NO.

WHAT'S THIS WEIRD FEELING?

*FX: WHUMP

ドン

BEH!

HUHN ?

OH. THIS ...

OWW!

THE HELL'S THIS STUPID-LOOKIN' STONE STATUE?

WHACK

ガシ!

...USED AS A HELPER OR HOUSE GUARD BY WITCHES.

IT'S A MUD PUPPET ...

GUAR ...

*ZSH

IT'S GOT AN AFRO! OH, THAT'S FUNNY, WITCH!

THIS ISN'T A STONE STATUE.

IT'S CALLED A *GOLEM.*

DA HA HA...!

*WHOOM

DAA AA AA!

ワオオ...

*FX WHOMM

N-NO WAY!

NICE AFRO!

*SHONK

*SHOM

*OHHH

*SLICE

*MOGGGH

*ZHA

*CHFFF

Y...

YEAH!...

*ZNNN

!

MR. MORGAN !!

W-WAIT, PLEASE! LISTEN TO...!!

KEEP BACK, MISTER !!

THESE THINGS WON'T LISTEN TO TALK!!

FX: ZMMM

*FX: ZOMMM

*ZHOP

NO, SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT...

DEAD SPIRITS ...? APOSTLE MINIONS ?!

GEH! THEY GREW BACK!

!

EEEEK!

AAAAU!

*MNNNN

ウウウ…

モオオオオ…

*MOGGGHHH

*PBBT

WHO'LL WIN, DIRTBAG OR BAGS-O-DIRT?

SHOULD I BE SCARED OR JUST LAUGH...?

OH, MY...

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霊樹の館②

*BOHHHH
ボォオオ・オ・・

*HMNNNNG
んーウウウ・・

THE HORDES, THE HORDES, HERE THEY COME!

んー *BAHHH
ワアアア

*MUK
モコ。
*MUK
モコ。
YEEEE! GO AWAY, FREAKY THING!
ケリッ
*FX: KICK!
*GACH
ガシャン
OH, WIMPY.
I-IT'S NO USE!
EVEN IF YOU BREAK 'EM THEY COME RIGHT BACK TOGETHER!
*TOK
ドコ
*TOK
ドコ
*BOAHHH
アアア

*DOSH

*SLASH

*CHUNG

*MUK

*MUK

THIS NEVER ENDS.

TCH!

*VOOOOO

SURE ENOUGH, IT'S THEM AGAIN.

.....

*FX. WHOM

EVENTUALLY THEY'LL EITHER RUN IN FEAR OR COLLAPSE IN EXHAUSTION.

URAHH

OHH, LOOK AT 'EM TRYIN' HARD.

IT'S USELESS. THE GOLEMS WILL CONTINUE TO REGENERATE EACH TIME THEY'RE BROKEN.

IS THERE SOME SECRET ABOUT THOSE TWO AFTER ALL ?!

NORMAL HUMANS SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ENTER HERE.

BUT HOW DID THEY PASS THROUGH THE BARRIER ?

OR IS THIS TOO AN EFFECT OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE HAWK...?

HUUUGE.

WOW!

HEY, HEY! THAT GUY'S SWORD IS AMAZIN'!

.....

*FX: ZHOOM

THAT IT IS!

EE EEK!

FORGET SWORDS! IT'S EASIER TO SMASH 'EM WITH STICKS!

*WOK

*BOK

BUT STILL...

BRING IT!

...SOMEHOW THEY SEEM ACCUSTOMED TO THIS?

THERE! AHH... SO CLOSE!

OH...

THAT THEY DO.

THEIR DUMB FACES MAKE 'EM LESS FRIGHT-ENIN'.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THEY'RE NOT MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THE USUAL SPIRITS!

*THUD

*FX: BENG

NOOO!

WHAT'S THAT?!

*TWITCH

*TWITCH

REMOVE THEM AND THEY CANNOT REGENERATE!

EVERYONE! SMALL FIGURES ARE BURIED IN THEIR CHESTS BENEATH THE SYMBOLS!

COME GET SOME MORE!

IT DOESN'T REGENER-ATE?!

YOU DON'T SAY.

NOW THAT I KNOW THAT...

OOPS, THE GAME'S UP.

*WHOM

*FX: GASH

THAT, HUH?!

*FX: HM

げしっ

ISIDROP KIIIICK!!

*FX: WHOP

*WAK

YEAH!

*CLATA

*PTUMP

*SHUNK

GO, SCHIERKE! GET 'EM!

IN THAT CASE...

*DOSH

WHAT NOW, SCHIERKE?! THEY'LL ALL GET BUSTED!

*HN HN

*HN HN

*BISH BISH

*BISH BISH

THAT IS QUITE ENOUGH.

I UNDER-STAND.

...YES, MIS-TRESS.

IT WAS JUST GETTIN' GOOD.

...

BUT...

MIS-TRESS.

*FX: HALT

ピタリ。

HN?

...
...
...

THEY JUST UP AND STOPPED.

WH- WHAT'S HAP- PENED?

!

*GREEE

.....

THE WITCH ...

I KNEW IT...!

'ELLO.

AHH!

.....

YOU ARE ALL WELCOME. IT SEEMS MY MISTRESS WILL SEE YOU.

MISTRESS WITCH, PLEASE LISTEN...!

YEAH!

YOU READ MY MIND!

WHAT DO WE DO?

*FX: DMP DMP DMP DMP

COMIN' IIIN.

HOLD ON... AH...

I'LL TAKE YA ON!!

*URAHHH

LET'S GO HAVE A LOOK AT THE WITCH.

WE'VE BEEN INVITED.

WHAT'S ALL THIS NEAT STUFF ?!

WOOO!

THIS TAKES ME BACK.

FEELS MORE LIKE A NEST THAN A HOUSE. I FEEL LIKE I'M A SQUIRREL OR SOMETHIN'.

AND IT'S FILLED WITH TONS OF WEIRD STUFF.

AIN'T *YOU* SUPPOSED TO BE THE WITCH?

DO NOT GO TOUCHING THINGS ON THE DESK.

YOU THERE!

BRAT.

LOTSA MAGIC USERS LIVED WHERE I CAME FROM. I HUNG OUT WITH 'EM A LOT.

IT DOES ?

YOU SWINDLING SPRITE!

*VMMM

*GSHANNG

AH, THE MEMORIES ...

I'M ISIDRO, AND I OWE YOU ONE. I SPENT HALF A DAY UP THE FAMILY TREE THANKS TO YOU.

HUH. NOT *EVEN* A REAL WITCH YET.

W-WON'T COME OFF...

I LOOK AFTER HER.

I'M *NALERA.*

I AM *SCHIERKE,* AND I AM STILL IN TRAINING.

WEIRD PLACE? IF YOU DON'T SPELL IT OUT, I DON'T GET IT. OOK! I'M A MONKEY, Y'KNOW. OOK!

THAT WAS BECAUSE YOU GRABBED ME IN A WEIRD PLACE!!

*UKE

*WHORL WHORL

*FX: TWITCH

WHAAAA?

...

AS I SAID, BOOBS.

...

AS I SAID ...

WHAAA?

...

ヒュー!

BOOBS.

...A WEIRD PLACE!

AS I SAID ...

*FX: HHHH... HHHH...

COULD YOU JUST HURRY AND LET US SEE YOUR MISTRESS OR WHATEVER?

FOOLS.

ドド?

ピュー

*SPRT

*FX: BLEED

STOP WITH THE TEASING.

*WHOCK

コン

COME, THIS WAY...

*KRISSH

I HAVE BROUGHT THEM, MISTRESS.

...TO THE MANSION OF THE SPIRIT TREE.

WELCOME ...

...A WITCH ?

SHE IS...

I AM FLORA, THE MISTRESS OF THIS MANSION.

SHE IS MERELY CONCERNED FOR MY SAFETY...

PLEASE FORGIVE MY APPRENTICE FOR BEING IMPOLITE.

...SURELY THE ONE FROM...

OHH... YOU ARE...

HOHO... THANK YOU. I'LL TAKE THAT AS A COMPLI-MENT.

SHE'S A WITCH? I THOUGHT FOR SURE WITCHES HAD POINTED NOSES AND LOOKED LIKE SOME WRINKLED MONSTER!

I-INSO-LENCE!

MY MOTHER WAS SAVED FROM THE BRINK OF DEATH BY THE MEDICINE I RECEIVED FROM YOU THAT DAY FIFTY YEARS AGO! IT'S UNBELIEV-ABLE. YOU'RE JUST AS YOU WERE THEN!

I REMEM-BER!

IN A WAY SHE IS A MONSTER ...

YOU BE SILENT, MONKEY!

LADY FARNESE ?

...YOU NEEDN'T BE SO FRIGHT-ENED.

YOUNG LADY...

YOU WERE THAT BOY.

I TOO REMEM-BER.

HOW NOSTAL-GIC.

HOW'D SHE...?!

MY FOLK WERE NOT AMONG THOSE WHOSE LIVES YOU TOOK.

EVEN IF THEY WERE, THE FAULT WOULD COLLECTIVELY LIE UPON THE SERVANTS OF YOUR DEITY.

I DO NOT SEEK RETRIBUTION FROM YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

!

THE BRANDED PAIR.

AND YOU...

HOW DID YOU...?

IT PLEASES ME TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAIN-TANCE.

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

...YOU KNOW ABOUT US?

THEN...

YOU'VE BEEN WAITING?

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I HAVE AWAITED YOU.

YES. THEY OF THE BRAND, GUIDED BY TINY WINGS.

COULD SHE BE AN APOSTLE?!

SHE KNOWS ABOUT THE BRAND...?!

...THIS FEELING...

NO... BUT...

THEY OF THE BRAND ...?

.....

IT ACHES FAINTLY...

...BUT... SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT...

WHO THE HELL...?

OLD WOMAN.

...IS OF TROLLS.

Y-YES...

YOUR STORY...

ONE MOMENT.

HIS STORY IS OF THE HIGHER PRIORITY.

...MUCH LESS ATTACK THEIR HOMES...

RARELY SHOULD THEY EVEN BE SEEN BY HUMANS...

TROLLS ORIGINATE FROM THE ASTRAL WORLD.

I AM ANXIOUS ABOUT THEM, TOO.

...I CANNOT ASSIST YOU.

UNFORTU-NATELY...

.....

IN THAT CASE...

WELL ...

H-HOW COME?

THIS OLD BODY HAS...

...NEITHER THE STRENGTH ...

...NOR THE TIME LEFT TO LEAVE THIS PLACE.

WH-WHAT?

IF LOOKS COULD KILL...

?

.....

*FX: GLARE

YOU'RE A BIT INSEN-SITIVE!

THE WAY YOU TALK, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE GONNA *DIE.*

NOW I SIMPLY WAIT QUIETLY FOR IT...

...MY TIME OF DEATH DRAWS NEAR.

!

AS THE BOY SAYS...

SCHIERKE, BE OF SERVICE TO THEM.

!

THEN HOW IN THE WORLD WILL WE...

AHH ...

I CANNOT GO MYSELF, BUT I CAN HAVE ONE GO IN MY STEAD.

NO NEED TO WORRY.

*HMM...

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MISTRESS, NO... I...

WHOA, BIG JOB!

HEY NOW, YOU CHICK-EN?

TWERP!

I AM NOT!

HOW VULGAR!

BUT, I...

IT IS HIGH TIME FOR YOU TOO TO PUT YOUR TRAINING INTO PRACTICE.

COULD I ASK ALL OF YOU, PLEASE, TO ASSIST MY DISCIPLE?

!

I THINK I MIGHT BE OF SOME USE TO YOU AS WELL.

NATURALLY, I DO NOT ASK YOUR HELP FOR FREE.

I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE STUDENT, BUT WE'VE GOT NO OBLIGATION TO GO THAT FAR. SORRY, BUT WE'VE GOTTA STICK TO OUR JOURNEY.

WHOA, WHOA.

UPON YOUR RETURN, I SHALL PRODUCE TALISMANS TO PROTECT YOU ON THE REST OF YOUR JOURNEY.

EVEN AMONG THEM, MY MISTRESS' ARE SPECIAL!

IGNORA-MUSES JUST DON'T UNDER-STAND.

IGNORE-GRETFULLY.

LAY OFF ALREADY.

TALISMANS MADE BY THE MAGI ARE NOT THE SAME AS SUPERSTITIONS!

IT IS A CHARM.

WHAT'S A TALIS-MAN?

AIN'T THAT ALL IN YOUR HEAD?

CHARMS?

HOW RUDE!

...SHOULD REDUCE THE EVIL SPIRITS IT CAN DRAW... OR AT LEAST PROTECT AGAINST YOU YOURSELVES BECOMING POSSESSED.

THE CURSED POWER OF THAT BRAND DEFIES IMAGINATION. ERASING IT IS BEYOND MY POWER.

HOWEVER, WEAKENING THE INTENSITY OF ITS POWER...

EVEN SO, IT SHOULD HOLD FOR THE DURATION OF YOUR JOURNEY.

HOWEVER, DUE TO THE IMMENSE POWER OF THE CURSE, THERE IS A TIME LIMIT TO THE POTENCY OF THE TALISMAN.

...DO THAT?!

Y-YOU CAN...

IT'LL PROTECT ...

... AGAINST THAT.

I KNEW WHY.

SO THAT'S WHY...

YEAH.

IS THAT FOOLISH OR DARING ...?

HAVE YOU BEEN ON THIS JOURNEY WITH THEM NOT EVEN KNOWING THAT?

NO WONDER THEY SWARM EVERY NIGHT...

SO THAT'S WHAT THAT BRAND DOES.

OH, OKAY.

ビク。

*FX: FLINCH

*FX: OOOO

OKAY, I ACCEPT.

NEGOTIATION COMPLETE.

*SMILE

M-MISTRESS ...!

WHY BOTHER ...?

EXTEND GREETINGS TO EVERYONE, SCHIERKE.

BRUTE SLAY-ING, EH?

THIS IS GETTIN' INTERESTIN'.

OH, BOTHER.

...

H-HEY...

THANK YOU SO MUCH...!

.....

*FX: WHAP WHAP

THERE'S SOME-THIN' I OWE THOSE THINGS! I'M TALKIN' REVENGE !

YEAHHH, LEAVE IT TO US!

IT...

IT IS NICE TO MEET ALL OF YOU...

*HMPH

WELL, TRY NOT TO GET IN THE WAY, LITTLE WITCH APPRENTICE.

THAT'S BAITIN'.

SOMEONE HOLDS A GRUDGE.

*HEH

NO NEED TO WORRY.

WAIT A MINUTE. IF YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BRAND, YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT WE...

OH, A BATH. ♡

AND THE MEDI-CATED BATH.

NOW PREPARE THE EVENING MEAL, SCHIERKE.

YES, MIS-TRESS ...

SCHIERKE TOO HAS VARIOUS PREPARA-TIONS TO MAKE.

YOU MUST ALL BE TIRED FROM YOUR LONG JOURNEY. PLEASE REST EASY FOR THE NIGHT, THEN DEPART TOMORROW.

I GUARANTEE SAFETY FOR THE NIGHT.

THIS MANSION IS PROTECTED BY TALISMANS AS WELL.

YOU MAY REST EASY.

S'GOOD, THOUGH.

I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER HAD A MEAL OF NOTHIN' BUT NUTS 'N' LEAVES.

IT IS NUTRITIOUS.

*GOM

*GOM

HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BRAND?

YOU SAID YOU WERE WAITIN' FOR US. WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

OLD LADY, BACK TO WHAT WE WERE TALKIN' ABOUT...

"I WANT YOU TO LEND THEM A HAND."

"THEY OF THE BRAND WILL VISIT THIS FOREST, GUIDED BY TINY WINGS..."

...FROM A FRIEND IN THE ASTRAL WORLD.

THERE WAS AN ORACLE...

WHO THE HELL SAID--?

"LEND A HAND"...

...SO IT'S RE-VERSED.

...

THOUGH I'M THE ONE BEING HELPED NOW...

ORACLE ...?

...TO KEENLY SENSE ETHEREAL BODIES UNSEEN BY THE NAKED EYE.

DUE TO THE CURSED POWER OF THE BRAND, YOU *ALL* HAVE BEEN RENDERED ABLE...

TO PUT IT SIMPLY, THE *AFTER-LIFE.*

HEY! WHAT'S THAT *ASTRAL* WORLD THING?

YOU CAN'T HAVE 'EM ALL! LAST ONE.

...IN WHICH OUR WORLD IS OVERLAPPED BY THE EXISTENCE OF TWO OTHER WORLDS.

THERE IS A TRINITY ...

ARE ETHEREAL BODIES GHOSTS ?

THE OTHER IS THE SOUL OF THE ORIGIN OF ALL EXISTENCE, THE WORLD OF THE IDEA.

ONE IS KNOWN COMMONLY AS THE WORLD OF SPIRITS, THE ASTRAL WORLD.

AMATEURS CANNOT TELL ONE FROM THE OTHER!

...AND TOUCH IT AS IF IT WERE A REAL THING.

IF AN ETHEREAL BODY IS SENSED STRONGLY ENOUGH, YOUR PHYSICAL BODY WILL SEE IT...

MIGHT THAT MEAN ...?

THAT'S A LITTLE COMPLICATED, BUT IT COMES DOWN TO GHOSTS, RIGHT? AIN'T THEY A LITTLE TOO LIVELY? THEY'RE ALL STICKY LIKE SNOT.

MAKES ME SICK.

THOSE ARE THE ETHEREAL BODIES THAT *YOUR* ETHEREAL BODY'S PERCEIVING.

HOW VULGAR!

MANY PEOPLE OVER THE AGES HAVE RECOGNIZED THIS FACT AS REALITY, AND BECAUSE THEIR WORLD VIEW CONTINUES TO BE PASSED DOWN, WE ARE ABLE TO PERCEIVE, SEE, AND TOUCH THESE LITTLE ONES.

?

ELVES AND TROLLS ARE INHABITANTS OF THAT SAME ASTRAL WORLD.

...

AHA! SO THAT'S WHY FARNY COULDN'T SEE ME AT FIRST. BUT NOW THAT SHE'S SEEN ENOUGH SCARY STUFF...

...SO MANY OF THE ELVES WHO CAN NO LONGER INTERACT WITH HUMANS HAVE FADED AWAY TO SOME PLACE IN THE ASTRAL WORLD.

LONG AGO IT WAS QUITE NATURAL TO BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF ELVES. BUT WITH THE SPREAD OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE ***HOLY SEE***, OF ONE UNIVERSAL WORLD VIEW, THOSE WHO CAN SEE THEM HAVE DWINDLED...

*FX: TWITCH

!!

YUM YUM YUM.

SAVOR THE TASTE.

*FX: RUB RUB RUB

PLEASE DO NOT TEASE HER.

AHH!

*FX: YOINK CHOMP

WHAT ARE YOU, DUMB ?!

PIXIES ARE BORN EXAG-GERATORS.

I'M A DIFFERENT STORY THOUGH!

I THINK!

NO PROB, NO PROB.

PLENTY A' PEOPLE'VE LIVED THERE.

YOU'RE SURE WE'LL BE OKAY IN YOUR HOMELAND...?

DON'T TELL ME IT'S THE AFTERLIFE...

THERE IS A THING CALLED THE SUBCON-SCIOUS THAT HUMANS CANNOT THEMSELVES CONTROL ...

FINE, NEVER MIND.

THINGS ARE NOT THAT SIMPLE.

*banner: COGITO, ERGO SUM.

THEN EVEN THE TROLLS'LL BE GONE, JUST LIKE THAT...

THEN, HEY! ALL EVERYONE HAS TO DO IS STOP BELIEVIN' IN WEIRD STUFF!

ALL RIGHT !

*headband: WEIRD

DON'T SAY SUCH MEAN THINGS !!!

AN OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCE. VERY NICE. ♡

...FROM THE CONFINES OF OUR PHYSICAL WORLD TO DELVE INTO THE ASTRAL WORLD.

SINCE LONG AGO, WE MAGI HAVE LEARNED AND INHERITED THE PRACTICE OF RELEASING OUR ETHEREAL BODIES...

YOU CAN DO THAT KINDA THING?

...THE SCENERY COMES TO LOOK UNIMAGINABLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD.

THEN, IN THE DEEP LAYER OF THE ASTRAL WORLD...

THUS, THE DEAD WHO DID NOT REALIZE THEY DIED OR WHO LEFT THE PHYSICAL WORLD REGRETFULLY...

...VARIOUS ETHEREAL BEINGS EXIST AS LIVING LEGENDS.

IN THE RELATIVELY SHALLOW LAYER OF THE ASTRAL WORLD KNOWN AS THE ***INTERSTICE*** ...

THERE EXIST ASTRAL ENTITIES WITH WHOM THE ETHEREAL BODIES...

...OF MERE HUMANS CANNOT EVEN COMPARE.

...OFTEN WANDER THERE.

ANGELS, DEMONS, GODS OF POLYTHEISM...

EVENTUALLY, NEARLY ALL BECOME AWARE OF THEIR OWN DEATH OR BECOME UNABLE TO MAINTAIN THE FORM OF THEIR ETHEREAL BODIES AND PASS AWAY FROM THIS LAYER.

EVEN THE SCENERY IS MOSTLY DERIVED FROM THE ETHEREAL FORMS OF OUR WORLD, SO THERE IS LITTLE DISPARITY BETWEEN IT AND OUR PHYSICAL REALITY.

THOUGH IF YOU DIVE TOO DEEP, YOU'LL BECOME UNABLE TO RETURN, SO NO ONE HAS EVER GONE THAT FAR WHILE ALIVE...

FURTHER STILL...

...IN THE ABYSS...

... PERHAPS ...

DEEPER STILL...

...REALMS PEOPLE REACH ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN KARMA.

MAYBE THOSE PLACES CALLED HEAVEN AND HELL EXIST.

...AND EXPLORE THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE FROM WITHIN YOUR WORLD.

THAT IS THE WAY OF MAGIC.

ACCEPT THE GREAT MYSTERIES...

.....

THERE EXIST PROFOUND DEPTHS WITHIN ITSELF.

THE WORLD DOESN'T EXTEND IN MERELY TWO DIMENSIONS.

...BE SUMMARIZED BY MATERIALISM OR ANY SINGLE DOCTRINE.

THIS WORLD COULD NEVER...

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MAGIC STONE

魔石

BERSERK

NYA HA HEE...

COME ON, HOLD STILL.

IT'S SO DAMAGED FROM THE LONG JOUR-NEY.

ゴシ *SHUK

ゴシ *SHUK

WH EH HH...

...DURING OUR TRAVELS.

I NEVER EVEN DREAMED I WOULD FIND COMFORT LIKE THIS...

*SIP

...IN A WITCH'S MANSION.

WHAT'S MORE...

...

*FX· OMMMM

*RRR

*FX: SHFF SHFF

NOW THEN ...

...

*GRAB!

*FX: GRRR

A CHILD'S PRIVILEGE !!

*SCRUB *SCRUB

GYOBWAHH...

BOK BOK
ボコ ボコ
EIGH! EIGH!
えい! えい!
YOU WISH TO SHOW ME SOME-THING?
WHAT MIGHT THAT BE?
.....
LET'S HANG 'IM HERE 'TIL MORNING.
DO YOU...
...KNOW WHAT THIS IS?

THAT'S...

WHAT'S WRONG ?

IS THAT ...?!

!

I GOT IT FROM A CERTAIN MAN.

WHERE THE BLAZES DID YOU--

DOES THIS BELONG TO YOU ?

ALL WHO ASPIRE TOWARD MASTERING THE WAY OF MAGIC DO.

YES... I KNOW IT.

.....

I SEE.

A KEY THAT LINKS A DEEP LAYER OF THE ASTRAL WORLD TO THE PHYSICAL WORLD.

A *BEHELIT.*

A FETISH FOR SUMMONING *THE FIVE ANGELS.*

STRAIGHT TO THE POINT.

THAT'S A WITCH FOR YOU.

.....

TELL ME...

...AND *SUMMON* THEM.

...THE WAY TO USE THIS...

.....

.....

THEY CARVED THAT INTO YOU.

THE *BRAND* ...

REVENGE, THEN...

THAT ISN'T LADYLIKE BEHAVIOR ...!

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COME BACK HERE !

HEY...

E...

EXCUSE US!

*GUZZLE

...YOU ARE ALL HEADED FOR *ELFHELM.*

CORRECT ?

TO PROTECT THAT GIRL...

HOW IRONIC ...

.....

YOU DON'T MISS A THING.

ELF-HELM ...?

!

IT MUST BE THAT MALICE...

...THAT HAS KEPT YOU ON YOUR FEET UNTIL THIS DAY.

AND SO IT BECOMES SHACKLES...

...IS STRIVING TO INCINERATE EVEN THOSE YOU CONSIDER IRREPLACEABLE.

YOUR LIFE CANNOT BE WITHOUT HATRED...

...BUT THAT HELLFIRE...

...WHICH MAKE YOUR SWORD HEAVY AND BLUNT.

...AND DANGEROUS EXPEDITION.

JUST LIKE TREADING ACROSS THIN ICE...

...IT IS A DIFFICULT...

...I CAN'T MEET YOUR EXPECTATIONS.

UNFORTUNATELY...

...THAT CAN BE USED IF ONLY YOU FIND THE MEANS, BUT IT IS NOT.

YOU THINK THIS IS SOMETHING ...

NOT THAT.

YOU MEAN YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE TELLIN' ME?

THE OBJECT ITSELF IS AS NOTHING MORE THAN A STONE, BUT THE FATE ASSOCIATED WITH IT RESTS IN THE HANDS OF ITS MASTER WHO SENT IT.

A BEHELIT IS A HIGHLY SPIRITUAL OBJECT THAT GOVERNS EVEN HUMAN FATE... PERHAPS AN ***EVEN GREATER EXISTENCE*** SENT IT TO THE PHYSICAL WORLD.

THAT'S THE WAY IT IS.

WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT, IT WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF THE PERSON TO WHOM IT BELONGS.

...THAT THE OWNER CRAVES ***THEIR*** POWER.

AND IT IS CERTAIN...

...TO BE AT THE VERY MOMENT ...

IF IT IS NOT YOURS THEN, IN SPITE OF YOUR WILL, IT SHALL AT SOME POINT LEAVE YOUR HAND.

IF THIS BEHELIT INDEED ***BELONGS*** TO ***YOU,*** EVEN IF YOU WERE TO DISCARD IT, WHEN THE TIME COMES, IT SHALL FIND YOU.

I CAN'T STAND THAT.

GOD ONLY KNOWS, *HUH?*

IN ANY CASE, IT IS BEYOND HUMAN WILL.

...WISH THAT IT LEAVE YOUR HAND.

...I FERVENTLY...

EVEN IF, TO YOU, THIS IS A BEACON FOR REVENGE...

DON'T GO CARRYIN' MY BETCHI AROUND WITHOUT ASKIN'!

*SNATCH

...TO DO ANYTHING WITH IT JUST YET.

WELL ... ...I DON'T PLAN ...

YOU KNEW I'D BE PASSING THROUGH, BUT WHO--

OH, YEAH.

STOP, STOP!

AHH!

...AND THAT AS REINCARNATIONS...

...THEY ARE THE EXECUTORS OF THE WILL OF SOMETHING LURKING IN THE DISTANT ABYSS OF THE ASTRAL WORLD.

PERHAPS IN THAT DOMAIN, IT IS UNATTAINABLE...

...FOR ONE TO ARRIVE AS A PERSON, CLAD IN THE ETHEREAL BODY CALLED EGO.

I MEAN, I'M THE ONE TAKIN' CARE OF HIM.

RIGHT.

IT'S YOURS?

HM HM クス・クス・

ONE MORE THING.

I BETCHA DON'T KNOW BETCHI'S FAVORITE FOOD. IT'S CHEESE.

THAT IS ONE OF THE GREAT MYSTERIES FOR THOSE OF US WHO EXPLORE THE ASTRAL WORLD.

THE *GODHAND.*

WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT THEY WERE ONCE HUMAN...

WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY?

I'M SORRY I CAN'T BE OF USE.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, I'M JUST COUNTIN' ON THE TALISMANS.
I'LL GO TAKE A BATH TOO.

WHAT A CLOUD OF WORDS.

MAN OH MAN...

...DO THE BEST YOU CAN TOMOR-ROW.

WELL...

.....

...THAT THOSE BRANDED WITH THAT BECOME AN OFFERING TO THOSE OF THE DARKNESS UNTIL THEIR DYING BREATH...

IT WAS TAUGHT TO ME BY MY MIS-TRESS...

THAT... IS THE BRAND OF SACRIFICE.

.....

ONE DAY...

...I'LL HAVE TO HIT 'EM WHERE IT HURTS.

...INTEND TO DEFY...

DO YOU...

...THINGS SUCH AS ANGELS AND DEMONS THAT CAN EVEN GOVERN FATE?

YOU GOT IT.

I'M GONNA BATHE BETCHI, TOO. ♡

IT'S GONNA COOK LIKE AN EGG.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SCHIERKE ?

OR MAYBE UNENLIGHTENED ...

HE IS FOOLISH.

...HIS OPPONENT IS A TRANSCENDENTAL ENTITY BEYOND PHYSICAL REASONING!

BUT...

THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS ARE INDIS-PENSABLE EVEN FOR MAGIC.

...I SAW HIM.

WHEN I WENT TO MIDLAND BY YOUR COMMAND TO CONFIRM THE FULFILLMENT OF THE REVELATION...

HE APPEARS TO BE HUMAN, BUT SPIRITUALLY HE CANNOT BE CALLED THAT.

AN EXISTENCE THAT NO ONE IN THE PHYSICAL WORLD CAN RIVAL ALONE.

SURELY HE *IS* THE *ABSOLUTE.*

AN ENORMOUS FLOW OF OD THAT ENGULFS AND CHARMS PEOPLE. A FORTUNE **SO** STRONG THAT NO BLADE OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD CAN TOUCH HIM.

THE *HAWK...*

IF HE IS THE INCARNATED FORM OF THE FIFTH ANGEL RECORDED IN THE REVELATION...

...IF HE IS THE ***HAWK OF DARKNESS,*** THEN HE IS DREADFUL.

IT WAS THAT HAWK HIMSELF...

...WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRANDING HIM.

!

THEN ALL THE MORE REASON ...

WE MAGI HAPPEN TO POSSESS, MORE THAN MOST PEOPLE, KNOWLEDGE OF THE MANY POWERS IMMANENT TO THIS WORLD.

BUT DOES NOT THAT KNOWLEDGE ITSELF SOMETIMES RENDER US BLIND?

SCHIERKE.

...HE IS STILL ALIVE.

YOU SEE...

!

I DO NOT REALLY LINDER-STAND YOUR WORDS.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ?

...BUT LOOK CLOSELY AT THE TRUTH THAT IS BEFORE YOUR EYES.

BE NOT ENAMORED SOLELY WITH THE WONDROUS MARVELS ...

...AND ENCOUNTERED YOU.

...SURVIVED IT...

HE CONTESTED WITH FATE...

SCHIERKE.

THE FAVORITE DISCIPLE OF FLORA, WITCH OF THE FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE.

GOD BESTOWS UPON US FATE.

BUT IT IS THE CHILDREN OF MEN WHO CHOOSE IT.

THIS IS MY BELIEF.

IT IS *YOU* WHO WILL DECIDE THAT.

YOU WISH FOR ME TO *AID* HIM?!

GO AND WITNESS WITH YOUR OWN EYES...

...THE SIGNIFICANT NATURE THIS ENCOUNTER WILL BEAR FOR YOU.

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THAT... DOES IT.

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元素霊

SEALED WITH PURIFICATION SALT.

AGH...! WHAT THE--?

*FX: RUB

ARE YOU READY OVER THERE?

I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT.

...BUT THE BRAND SHOULD NOT ATTRACT EVIL SPIRITS FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS.

IT IS COMPLETE. NOT ON THE SAME LEVEL OF MY MISTRESS' TALISMANS ...

WHAT IS THIS? OINTMENT ?

IT'S NOT EDIBLE !

THIS STUFF TINGLES.

BOP

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO EXPLAIN THE THINGS I WILL GIVE TO YOU.

*HMM

*TOK

BECAUSE IT DULLS THE FIVE SENSES, IT MAKES IT EASIER TO PERCEIVE ETHEREAL BODIES.

WANNA SEE IF POISON WORKS ON ELVES OR NOT?

WOLFS-BANE ...

IT IS CALLED FEMME FATALE OINTMENT. A KIND OF NARCOTIC MIXED FROM ALMOND OIL, CELERY, BELLADONNA, WOLFSBANE, AND THE LIKE.

THESE ARE...?

THEY ARE MAGIC ARMS GRANTED THE PROTECTION OF THE SPIRITS.

MAGIC FETISHES.

WITH THESE, EVERYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONFRONT THE TROLLS, EVEN WITHOUT SPELLCASTING.

I BORROWED THEM FROM MY MISTRESS.

...THIS HOOD AND SWORD.

FIRST, FOR SERPICO...

FWOOSH

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PLEASE LOOK AT IT CLOSELY.

...

GLOW

IT FLOATS ON ITS OWN...

WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

OHHH

WHAT *IS* THIS HOOD?

I FAINTLY SEE SOME-THING...

OH...?

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YES, THESE ARE WIND ELEMENTALS.

SYLPHS.

WOW, WHAT'RE THESE TINY GUYS?!

I-IT'S TRUE.

SHAPES LIKE TRANSPARENT WINGED INSECTS...

ELEMENTALS.

THE FOUR STATES INHERENT TO THE PHYSICAL WORLD-- SOLID, LIQUID, VAPOR, AND ENERGY-- ARE ALL RESONANT WITH THE WORKINGS OF ELEMENTALS IN THE ASTRAL WORLD, RESPECTIVELY-- EARTH, WATER, WIND, AND FIRE.

THESE LITTLE ONES ARE THE ETHEREAL FORMS OF THE ATMOSPHERE THAT FILLS THIS WORLD-- SPIRITS OF THE WIND THAT BLOWS ABOUT THE SKY.

YOU MEAN I'M A WIND SPIRIT?!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THE SHOCKIN' TRUTH!! I'M NOT A CHESTNUT HEAD?!

I'M THE SAME THING AS HIM...

*WHONNNG

SO YOU GUYS'RE THE WIND THAT ALWAYS HELPS ME OUT. I'M PUCK.

HOW 'BOUT THAT.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT? THEY'RE OUR ANCESTORS.

YOU'RE A PIXIE, RIGHT? PIXIES'RE A FAMILY OF THE WIND SPIRITS, AFTER ALL. THERE'RE ALL KINDS, THOUGH.

HOWAH?

ONE SWING CAN GENERATE A WHIRLWIND...

...THAT CAN TEAR THE ENEMY'S FLESH WITHOUT EVEN TOUCHING IT.

ALSO GRANTED THE WIND'S PROTECTION IS THE *SYLPH SWORD.*

THE BLADE IS MADE FROM A WHITE-SHOULDERED EAGLE'S FEATHER AND THE HILT FROM MISTLETOE GROWING ON THE HIGHEST BRANCH IN THE FOREST.

THIS... IS A SWORD? OR A FEATHER DUSTER ...?

HE WHO WEARS IT IS CLAD IN ATMOSPHERIC CURRENT...

...AND CAN SWEEP ASIDE SWORDS AND ARROWS.

THAT IS THE *SYLPH HOOD,* A FETISH GRANTED THE PROTECTION OF THE ELEMENTALS.

*SHMM

MIGHT I GIVE IT A TRY?

PLEASE.

THAT WAS QUICK

YOU MAKIN' FUNNA MY FAMILY?!

KINDA WEAK, HUH?

NOW, SERPY! WITNESS WELL THE POWER OF MY BRETHREN!

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*OHH

SEE?!

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THESE...

FOR YOU...

WE HAVE NO ARMS FOR CHILDREN TO USE HERE.

DON'T I GET A SWORD OR A SPEAR TOO?

EGHHH, A DAGGERRR ?

THIS IS QUITE HANDY.

AIN'T MY TROOPS OVER-WHELMIN' ?!

SHO 'NUFF!

OH NEAT! OH NEAT! WHERE'S MINE? WHERE'S MINE?

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HUH...?

THIS DAGGER.

IT'S GLOWIN' ALL RED...

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LIZARDS ...?

WHAT'RE THESE SMALL SQUIRMIN' THINGS...?

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WHAT THE--?

SALAMAN-DERS.

THOSE ARE *FIRE ELE-MENTALS.*

CUTS MADE WITH THAT DAGGER WILL IGNITE AND BURN AS IF STRUCK BY A HOT IRON.

THE BLADE OF THE ***SALAMANDER DAGGER*** IS MAGICALLY CRAFTED FROM MOLTEN LAVA.

*BWOOSH

FIRE'S DANGEROUS. GO WITH WIND, IT'S COOLER.

HMMM ...

*FX· CHNK

RAH.

THOSE ARE ***CONSECRATED BERRIES.*** YOU CAN SCATTER THE TROLLS IF YOU THROW THOSE AT THEM.

SO, WHAT'S THIS?

SOUNDS LIKE YOUR STYLE.

PLEASE DO YOUR BEST NOT TO GET IN THE WAY LIKE YOU DID BEFORE.

I-I'M ABOUT TO GET IN YOUR WAY NOW...

NOW, NOW.

SAME FOR YOU.

HE IS THE DANGEROUS TYPE TO GET HIS HANDS ON THINGS.

SO I SAY, BUT LADY FARNESE IS EVEN WORSE...

YOU MUSTN'T GIVE HIM THAT! THE WORLD'LL BURN IN A SEA OF FIRE...!

THIS'S SWEET.

...

IT IS DANGEROUS! DON'T BRANDISH IT SO RECK-LESSLY!

SALAMAN-DERS ARE ***HOOLIGANS*** !

*FWMP

*FWMP

BUT IT IS MY MISTRESS' COMMAND, SO OH WELL.

*SIGH

THEY ARE AT BEST FOR SELF-DEFENSE. IF IT WERE UP TO ME, I WOULD NOT BRING ALONG SOMEONE AS UNBRIDLED AS YOU.

SAY WHAT ?!

SILVER HAS STRONG TALISMANIC PROPERTIES.

ALSO A SILVER KNIFE FOR FARNESE.

IT'S GLOWING FAINTLY.

FOR OUR TWO LADIES, FARNESE AND CASCA...

...SILVER CHAIN SHIRTS.

THEIR EFFICACY IS REALIZED BY THE STRENGTH OF YOUR FAITH IN THEIR ASTRAL POWER.

WHEN THE TIME COMES TO USE THE FETISHES, PLEASE ENVISION THE FAINT FIGURES YOU SEE NOW AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE.

FINALLY, I HAVE THIS FOR GUTS...

STAGGER

STAGGER

ALSO, THE DEEPER THE MUTUAL TRUST GROWS, THE MORE POWER THEY ARE LIKELY TO LEND YOU.

AND IF YOU USE THIS POWER, DO NOT FORGET TO APPRECIATE THE ELEMENTALS! IN THE END, THE POWER OF THE FETISHES DEPENDS ON *THEM*, NOT YOU.

YEAHHH!! LET'S DO THIS, FIRE THINGS!!

I EXPECT THE VERY BEST FROM YOU, MY ELITE SOLDIERS!

I HOPE WE CAN ALL WORK WELL TOGETHER.

I DON'T NEED IT.

I WANT TO TAKE INTO BATTLE WHAT MY HAND KNOWS BEST.

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BUT WHY NOOOT? WHAT A WASTE. JUST TAKE IT.

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NO... I'M FINE.

HOW UN-GRATE-FUL!

THE SUN'S COMING UP. LET'S GET MOVING.

HEY, I'LL HANG ON TO IT.

H-HEY...

STOP ....!

WHAT ABOUT MIIINE? WHERE SUPER ZAKKURIMARU ?

HEYYY I SAY HEYYY!

*VMM

*VMM

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S-SCREW THAT.

*FX: SHUDDER

*SHIMMER

WHAT...?

WHILE YOU ARE HERE, MINOR WOUNDS AND NEW WOUNDS GENERALLY HEAL.

YOUR PHYSICAL BODIES HAVE ADJUSTED TO THE FORMS OF YOUR ESSENTIAL ETHEREAL BODIES.

THAT IS VERY CONVENIENT.

WHA...?

DESPITE IT BEING WINTER, IT FEELS WARM.

THIS IS A MYSTERIOUS PLACE, THOUGH. I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH A LARGE TREE BEFORE.

ALSO YOUR VINE BURNS.

WHY, MINE TOO.

THE SCRATCHES AND BRUISES I HAD ARE GONE.

...THE ASTRAL WORLD HERE.

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WE ARE IN...

TO USE AN ANALOGY, IT IS LIKE THE SHORE-LINE TO THE SEA.

THIS FOREST IS A SLIGHTLY DEEPER ASTRAL DOMAIN OF THE INTERSTICE THAT ONE MAY YET ENTER PHYSICALLY.

DUE TO THE CURSED POWER OF THE BRAND, YOU EXIST PRIMARILY IN THE PHYSICAL DOMAIN OF THE INTERSTICE, WHERE THE ASTRAL WORLD IS PERCEIVABLE.

THE *INTERSTICE* STRADDLES THE ASTRAL WORLD AND THE PHYSICAL WORLD.

BUT YOU WHO ARE IN THE SAME LAYER REACHED IT WITHOUT ANY PROBLEM...

BE THAT AS IT MAY, SO LONG AS THE MISTRESS OF THE MANSION DOES NOT INVITE APPROACH, REGULAR HUMANS CANNOT VISIT HERE. EVEN TO THE EYES OF THOSE WITH STRONG EXTRASENSORY PERCEPTION, AT BEST IT SHOULD APPEAR TO BE A MIRAGE.

THE STRONGER THE *POWER OF EXISTENCE* IS IN THE PHYSICAL WORLD...

...THE LONGER AND MORE SPLENDID ITS SHAPE WILL BE FIXED IN THE ASTRAL WORLD.

OCCASIONALLY IT TAKES ON A MONSTROUS FORM, THOUGH.

IN THE PHYSICAL WORLD THIS TREE ROTTED ABOUT TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO...

...BUT WHILE IT LIVED IT WAS THE FOCUS OF WORSHIP FOR ALL ARBOREAL ANIMISTS IN THIS REGION.

...THE *AFTERLIFE*, YOU MEAN? WE HAD A NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING IT.

THEN, THIS IS...

THAT EXPLAINS ALL THE FLOWERS.

SO, CONTROLLING MATTER WITH THE POWER OF OUR MINDS BECOMES EASY.

SHE NEVER SHUTS UP.

*FX: WHISPER

*BLAH

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*BLAH

THE MAJORITY OF MAGIC USERS HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR RESIDENCES IN THIS LAYER OF THE INTERSTICE. THE LIMITATIONS OF THE MATERIAL WORLD ARE LONG FIXED IN A WEAKENED STATE HERE...

YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT, WITCH APPRENTICE.

I AM SURE THAT IS THE REASON YOU ALL ARE *LUCKY* ENOUGH TO STILL BE ALIVE.

OR LIKE THIS?

FOR REAL? SOUNDS FISHY.

Y'MEAN LIKE THIS?

IF YOU BECOME A GREAT MAGICIAN, YOU CAN EVEN FLY IN THE SKY.

OH, OKAY!

THE ELEMENTALS ARE SEEING YOU OFF.

THERE'S THOSE SPARKLES AGAIN.

AH!

I KNOW THIS PLACE IS SAFE, BUT YOU CAN'T BE CERTAIN ABOUT ANYTHING.

I APPRECIATE YOUR IDEA, BUT NOT ONCE HAS ANY GOOD COME OF LEAVIN' HER BEHIND.

BUT ...

*FX: SPIN SPIN SPIN

*WHEEE

MISTRESS, COULD NOT CASCA AT LEAST STAY HERE IN YOUR KEEPING?

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THAT'S THE PATH YOU'VE CHOSEN.

YES.

...I WANT HER SOME-WHERE IN REACH OF MY SWORD.

IN THAT CASE...

I SUPPOSE THAT WILL ALSO BE YOUR PROTECTION FROM HELLFIRE.

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NO... RATHER, I MIGHT GET IN THE WAY, BUT...

I-I CANNOT BE VERY USEFUL...

I... I AM!

ARE YOU PREPARED TOO, YOUNG LADY?

A...

ALL RIGHT!

YOU CAN PRO-TECT CASCA.

*GCHAK

IT'D BE SO MUCH EASIER BY MYSELF.

*SIGH

WHAT A TOTAL NUISANCE.

WELL, I SHALL RETURN.

W...

C'MON! LET'S HIT THE ROAD! WE'LL KICK THOSE MONKEYS AROUND!

*FX: VIP VIP

*banner: WIND GOD

ESPE-CIALLY HIM...

LEAVE IT TO ME.

MAY THE BLESSING OF THE SPIRITS BE UPON YOU ALL.

...?

A TOUCH OF UNCER-TAINTY, THOUGH...

REALLY ...

WHAT BOLD CHILDREN.

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*FX: GREE

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YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SOME-THING.

YOU WERE HERE, THEN.

ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?

...BROUGHT *YOU* TO ASK A FAVOR OF *ME*?

STILL, THOUGH, WHAT STROKE OF FORTUNE...

OR...

...ARE YOU JUST USING HIM...?

IS IT FOR SOMEONE'S SAKE...?

PERHAPS PITY FOR A FELLOW SUFFERER?

I WANT TO BELIEVE THE HEART OF A MAN STILL REMAINS WITHIN YOU.

OLD FRIEND.

EVEN IF I DON'T DO IT MYSELF...

...THAT ONE MAY ALSO BE A FACTOR GUIDED BY THE LAW OF CAUSALITY...

YES...

THE FATE CALLED *ENCOUNTERS.*

GOD BESTOWS UPON US FATE.

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BERSERK

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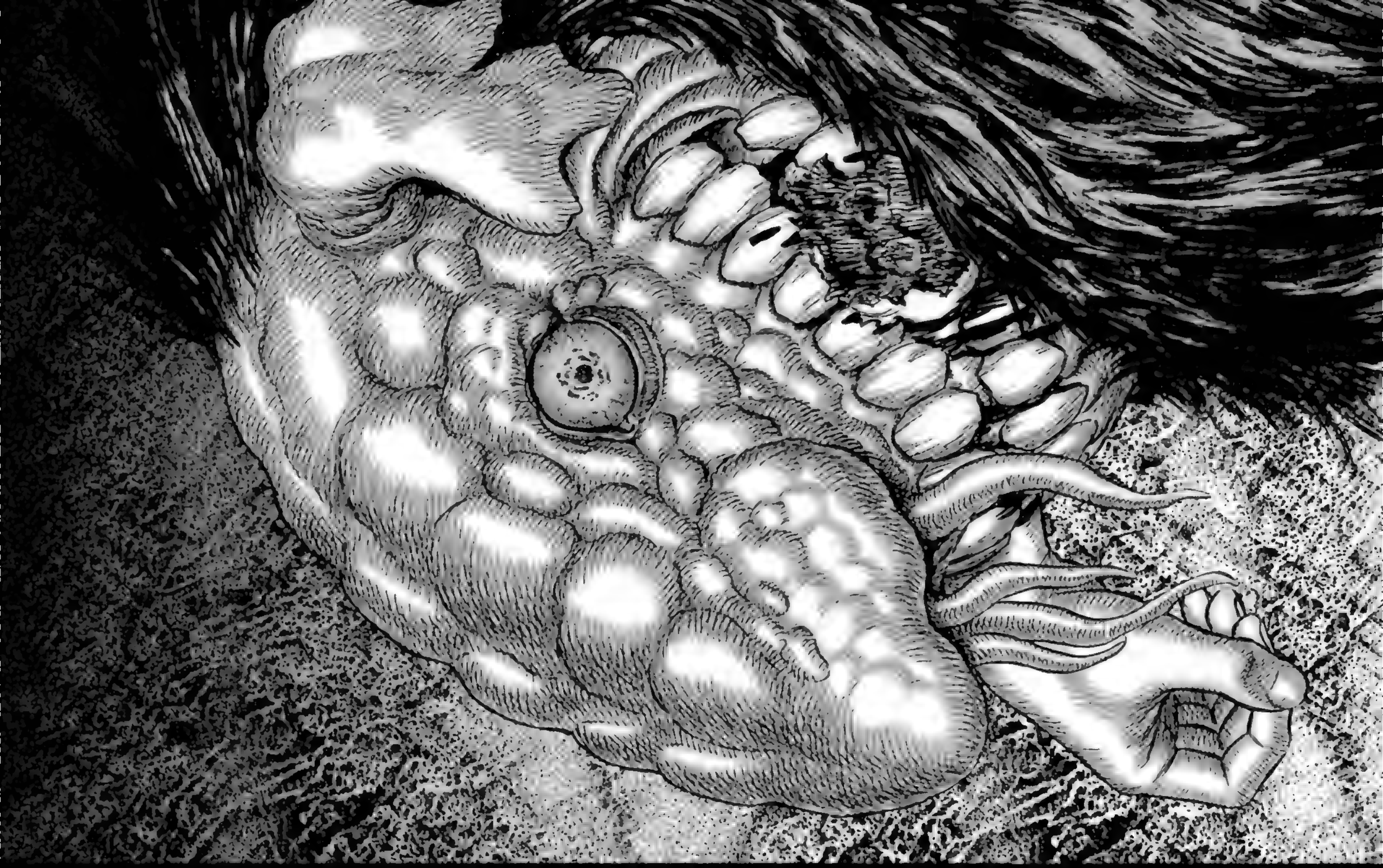

TED... TEEED!!

HE CAN'T BE SAVED NOW!!

NO, HANNAH, STAY AWAY!!

*SHHRIP

AGGHHHH!!

GET AWAY FROM HIM!!

GET AWAY ...!!

HA...

HANNAH ...

*TAGK

*TOK

*AGGHH

...!!

HANNAH ...!!

*SNATCH

*THUD

BOOF

AGH!

*LEAP

*SHRRAK

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*FX: HAAAH

IGH...

FLESH RIPPING

*SHRRRIP

*SHRRRIP

NOOO!!

GOD DAMMIT!

GET AWAY FROM MY SISTERRR!

FOOL, YOU'LL BE KILLED ...!!

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*FX: SHNK SHNK

*FX: HAFF HAFF

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HORACE...

COME ON NOW, HANNAH!!

UGH ...

*GYAWW!

H-HE GOT IT...!!

*CHNK

*GONNNG

*GONNNG

*GONNNG

*GONNNG

DAMN IT ALL.

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EVERY-ONE!

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HANNAH GOT CARRIED OFF.

TED'S AND HORACE'S.

WHOSE COFFINS ?

OLD MAN MORGAN, YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!!

MORGAN !!

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

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OH.

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WELL, WE WERE ATTACKED BY TROLLS IN THE FOREST...

WHERE ARE THE OTHERS ?!

HORACE STABBED ONE WITH A PITCHFORK TRYING TO RESCUE HIS SISTER, AND THEN A WHOLE PACK GANGED UP AND BEAT HIM TO DEATH!!

TED WAS ATTACKED WHILE STANDING GUARD AT THE LIVESTOCK BARN, AND WHEN SHE RUSHED OVER TO SAVE HIM, HANNAH WAS RAPED!

ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF TED AND HORACE WAS *MINCE-MEAT...!!*

DAMN IT!! THEY DO SUCH VICIOUS THINGS...!!

THEY DON'T THINK OF THIS VILLAGE AS MORE THAN A *FOOD TROUGH!!*

AND TED AND HORACE WERE BEST FRIENDS.

THE THREE WERE BROUGHT UP LIKE SIBLINGS AND ALL.

WHAT CURSED TIMING. THEY WERE ONLY MARRIED FOUR DAYS AGO.

SO?

WHAT WAS THE END RESULT, MORGAN?

I REALIZE IT'S A TIME OF MOURNING, EVERYONE, BUT...

CHIEF.

...ARE THEM.

THOSE PEOPLE THERE...

WASSAP.

YOU ALL ARE...

*OHH.

WHO'S THAT BIG MAN?

A SERVANT ...?

HEY, ONE'S A CHILD!

THEY'RE FROM THE SPIRIT TREE FOREST...?

LIFE OF THE PARTY.

WE SEEM TO BE ON EXHIBIT.

ELVES ...

THEY'RE ELVES!!

L- LOOK AT THAT...!

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UH...

SO ONE OF THOSE TWO MUST BE...

DON'T SAY MEAN THINGS, EVIL AIR-HEAD.

NOOOO!

IT'S IVALERA!

...SHE MUST REALLY BE A WITCH!

IF SHE HAS THINGS QUEER AS ELVES WITH THEM...

THEM'S SOME RUDE FOLKS.

I'LL SAY! I DON'T WANT 'EM GROUPIN' ME WITH YOU!

THE HON-ORABLE WITCH IS RIGHT HERE...

NO... PEOPLE!

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WHAT'RE YOU HIDIN' FOR?

NO NEED TO BE SO FORMAL.

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HELLO.

SAY WHAT...?

IMPOS-SIBLE...

THIS IS A JOKE, RIGHT ?!

A CHILD LIKE HER ...?!

MORGAN, WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS JEST?!

WELL, NO.

IT'S NO JOKE...

OH, MAN.

CAN'T BLAME 'EM.

WELL...

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WHY NOT SHOW 'EM A SHOT OF MAGIC? TO HELP 'EM GET IT?

I CAN DO *NO* SUCH THING!

IT'S ABSURD, USING MAGIC THAT WAY...

...TO SATISFY ONE'S OWN VANITY.

I TOLD YOU AS MUCH, VILLAGE CHIEF.

IT'S A PRIEST.

THIS HAS BECOME COMPLICATED.

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FATHER.

WILL IT NOT RATHER RESULT IN THE NEEDLESS ADDITION OF VICTIMS?

RELYING ON DUBIOUS SUPERSTITIONS LIKE WITCHES WILL NOT RESOLVE OUR PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS ONE BIT.

THEY HAVE ***ELVES*** ALONG WITH THEM.

B-BUT, FATHER.

IT IS LIKELY A DEED BORN OF A SENSE OF GUILT AT BEING THE ONLY ONE TO SURVIVE, BUT ALSO EXCESSIVELY THOUGHT-LESS...

EVEN SO, MORGAN, MAKING A CHILD LIKE HER WEAR A WITCH'S GETUP...

N-NO...!

PERHAPS NOT...

AH, WELL...

CREEP-OOO.

...HAVE THE POWER TO DEFEAT THOSE EVIL BEASTS?

DO YOU THINK SUCH ***THINGS***...

YOU'RE NOT HELPIN' HERE.

JUGGLE NUT!

WATCH FIRST, PAY LATER.

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YO.

I KNEW IT. LITTLE GIRLS DON'T LOOK LIKE THE REAL THING.

WITH THAT GETUP, ARE YOU PEOPLE TRAVELING PERFORMERS? DID MORGAN APPEAL TO YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY?

NO WONDER... PRETENDING TO BE WITCHES AND PRACTICING DUBIOUS DIVINATION MUST BE YOUR FORTE.

MAKES SENSE ...

PER-FORM-ERS...

...BUT THOSE EVIL BEASTS ARE NOT THE SORT OF THING YOU CAN DEAL WITH. LEAVE THIS PLACE AT ONCE.

HOWEVER, IT WOULD NOT BE WISE TO STICK YOUR NOSES INTO THIS. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE ON A PLEASURE JAUNT OR WHAT...

ALL WE CAN DO IS PRAY AND ENDURE.

THIS IS A TEST GIVEN BY GOD TO THIS VILLAGE.

B-BUT, FATHER.

NONE OF THAT!

AFTER A CLOSE LOOK, DOESN'T THAT BIG MAN LOOK QUITE POWERFUL? WE ARE SHORT HANDED RIGHT NOW, SO TO TURN THEM AWAY WOULD...

LADY FARNESE?

I-I WILL HANDLE THIS...

WHEN'LL YOU QUIT?

IT'S MY PERFORM-ER'S BLOOD!

IT'S JUST GETTIN' STUPID NOW.

WHOA, WHOA, WE'RE HERE TO HELP AND THEY TURN US AWAY?

HEYYY, LET'S JUST GO HOME 'N' LEAVE 'EM BE.

I'LL SPIN EXTRA FOR YOU.

AT LEAST ENJOY THIS PERFOR-MANCE.

YOU MUSTN'T! WE SECULARIZED OURSELVES OF OUR OWN ACCORD! IF WE ARE NOT CAREFUL, A SEARCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED BY THE HOLY SEE REGARDING THE ALBION INCIDENT!

YES, BUT ...

HE MIGHT UNDER-STAND IF I DROP THE NAME OF THE COURT SUPREME.

GIRL...

*FX: FLINCH

WERE THIS THE HOLY CITY, YOU WOULD HARDLY ESCAPE BEING BURNED AT THE STAKE.

PERFORMER'S BLOOD FLOWS FREELY...

EVEN IF THAT GETUP IS FOR ACTING, YOU MUSTN'T ASSUME SUCH AN APPEARANCE.

...SYMBOLS OF APOSTASY AND WICKEDNESS.

WITCHES AND THE LIKE...

...ARE NOTHING BUT...

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SHE'S INSANE ...?

WHAT'S WITH THIS GIRL?

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OUT OF THERE, *NOW!*

HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING ?!

CURSED ...!

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SORRY.

*FX: GCHAK

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*HOIST

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*FLAIL

*FLAIL

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*GLOMP

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SORRY 'BOUT THAT.

YOU SEE HOW IT IS.

THIS IS NO TIME FOR--

NAY!

SHE'S A PILGRIM, PRAYING TO REGAIN HER HEALTH.

COULD WE HAVE A PLACE TO STAY FOR THE NIGHT?

LONG JOURNEYS WITH THE SICK AND KIDS'RE REALLY TIRING.

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...SHOW CHARITY TO PILGRIMS.

IT'S CUSTOMARY THAT THE CHURCH ...

...FOR WHAT HAP-PENS.

I'M NOT RESPON-SIBLE...

*FLUTTA

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LOOK AT *THAT* SWORD !!

WE OWE YOU ONE.

A-AMAZIN' ...!!

IS IT REAL ...?

THAT LEFT ARM...

*HMPH

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FATHER ?

PREPARE LODGING FOR THEM, CHIEF.

THAT WAS GOOD THINKING.

ANY-WAY, I'M HUN-GRY.

ME TOO.

GEEZ, YOU TWO...

LET'S GO, IT'S BAD TO HOLD UP A FUNERAL.

...THE SIGNIFICANT NATURE THIS ENCOUNTER WILL BEAR FOR YOU.

GO AND WITNESS WITH YOUR OWN EYES...

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BERSERK

...PLEASE TIE THIS AROUND YOUR FINGER.

EVERYONE ...

WHY THIS?

HAIR? YOURS?

THAT'S TELE-PATHY.

SO THAT WE CAN USE THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE.

WHERE?

THERE YOU ARE!

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THOUGHT TRANSFER-ENCE? SOUNDS FAKE TO ME.

WHO'S A MONKEY, YOU DIRTY LITTLE ...?!

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*thought: FEEBLE-MINDED MONKEY

LIKE CURSING SOMEONE WITH A NAIL OR HAIR?

THIS MAKES USE OF A TECHNIQUE CALLED ***CONTAGIOUS MAGIC,*** IN WHICH A PART OF THE SUBJECT IS USED EACH TIME THE SPELL IS CAST.

*MOOKEE?

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FURTHER, FOR THOSE WHO LACK TRAINING IN THE CONCRETE VISUALIZATION OF IMAGES, THOUGHTS, BEFORE THEY ARE GIVEN FORM VIA LETTERS AND WORDS, ARE VAGUE AND INCONSTANT.

WITH THOSE HAIRS ATTACHED TO YOU, YOUR OD FIELDS ARE SUBCON-SCIOUSLY ADHERED TO MINE.

TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, EVERY HUMAN IS CAPABLE OF DIRECTLY EXCHANGING THOUGHTS. JUST FOR THAT, IT IS NECESSARY TO CONNECT THEIR OD... THEIR SPIRITUAL MAGNETISM.

I CAN TELE-PATHIZE SOME-TIMES.

UNTIL YOU ARE ACCUSTOMED, PLEASE SOUND OUT THE WORDS DISTINCTLY IN YOUR MIND. IF YOU MASTER THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE, THE COMMUNICATION OF INTENT FAR BEYOND THAT OF NORMAL CONVERSATION BECOMES POSSIBLE.

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...IN REGARDS TO THIS TROLL SLAYING...

...I WANT EVERYONE TO ABIDE BY MY INSTRUCTIONS.

THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE SO SOON.

JUST WITH YOU? ANYONE ELSE?

AND SO...

*AHEM

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COME AGAIN?!

NATURALLY.

BEING THE MAGIC USER, I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GRASP THE ENTIRE PROGRESS OF THE BATTLE AND CONVEY IT TO EVERYONE.

GH!

WHO'S GONNA BE WRAPPED AROUND THE FINGER OF SOME LITTLE GOODY-GOODY LIKE *YOU*?!

IT MAKES THE MOST SENSE.

TH-THAT AIN'T FUNNY!! JUST 'CAUSE YOU CAN USE A LITTLE MAGIC, YOU'RE GONNA ACT LIKE OUR LEADER?!

WHEN IT COMES TO TROLLS, A WITCH IS A SPECIALIST...

SHE HAS A POINT.

...

FINE BY ME. THE BRUTE SLAYIN' WAS HER JOB IN THE FIRST PLACE.

WELL,

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DESERTION MEANS THE FIRIN' SQUAD, SUB-PRIVATE MONKICH!!

GODDAMN SONUVA BITCH!

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*FX: DASH

*FX: WHAM

*FX: SALUTE!

SUB-PRIVATE!

SALLITE YOUR C.O.!

*COLONEL

*TAK

HE WANTED SOME SAY IN THIS.

WHAT IS HIS PROBLEM?

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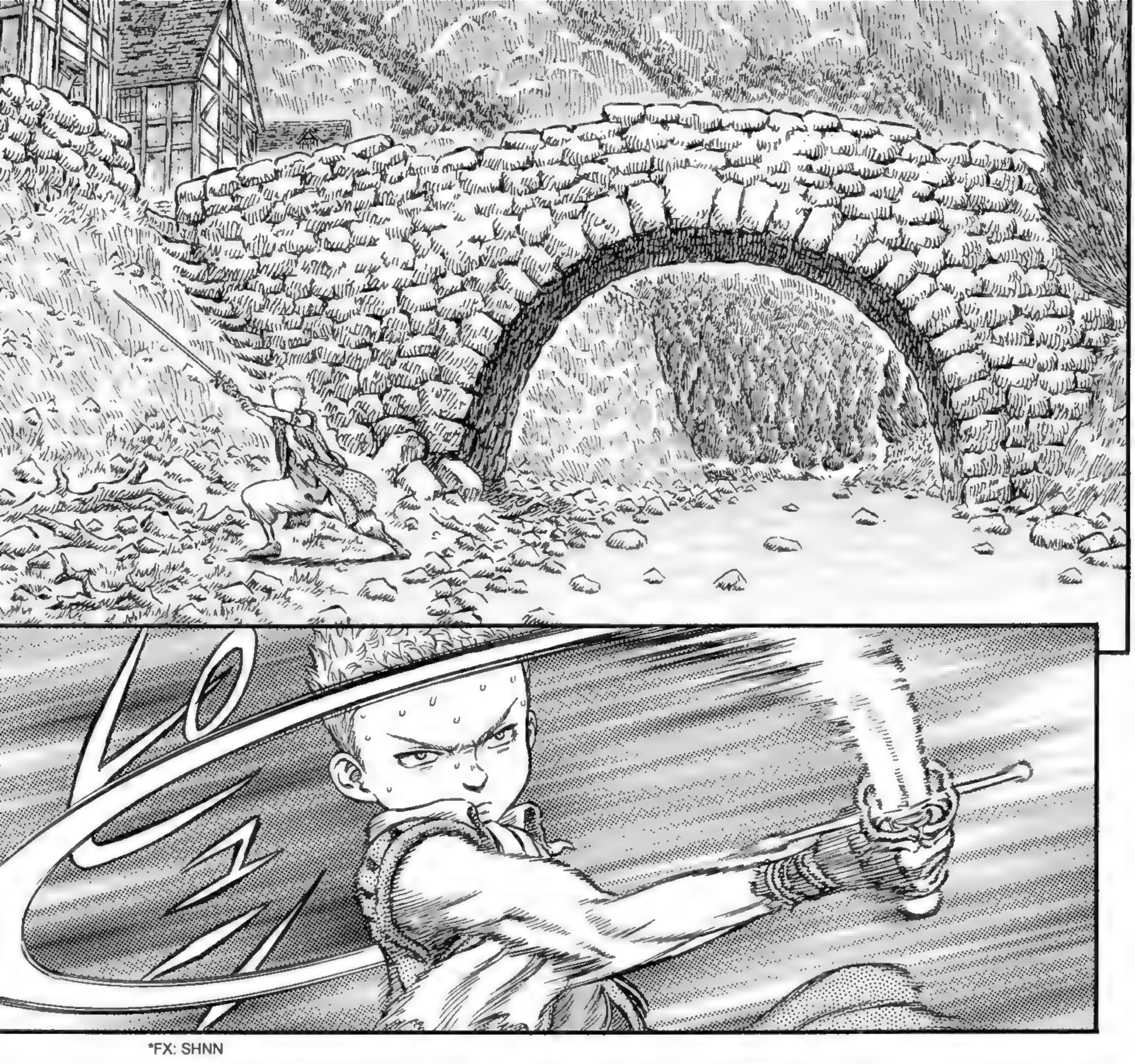
MY, MY...



*FX: SHNN

GUTS AND THE OTHERS SURE GOT COAXED INTO IT BY THAT PISSHAT SHRIMP QUICK ENOUGH.

STILL, THAT WITCH APPRENTICE JUST JOINED US AND *SHE* GETS TO CALL THE SHOTS.

DAMMIT. NO MATTER WHAT I DO, A ONE-HANDED SWORD GRIP THROWS ME OFF BALANCE.

WHAT HARD WORK. SWORD PRACTICE, SON?

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OLD MAN.

IT'S DANGER-OUS TO BE ALONE, THOUGH.

QUIET, YOU!

NO COMMENTIN' ON PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS!

THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE?

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS YOUR TURN TO PLAY SUPERIOR TO THIS LITTLE GIRL EVEN MORE HAYSEED THAN YOU, SUDDENLY YOU'RE TREATED LIKE A MONKEY. WHAT'S MORE, SHE STEALS ALL THE GLORY, AND YOU'RE STILL LEFT IN THE CELLAR... THAT MUST STING.

NEARLY ALL THE FISH IN THIS RIVER'VE BEEN CAUGHT.

BUT NO USE.

I THOUGHT I'D GET SOME FISH FOR YOU ALL'S DINNER ...

HMMM.

WHAT'RE *YOU* DOIN', THEN?

...

WANT SOME'A MINE?

WELL, POTATO SOUP WILL HAVE TO DO.

*FX: SNAP

I BET YOU CAN'T GET MUCH OUT OF THE FIELDS EVEN WITHOUT THE TROLLS.

YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE THE SUN HALF THE DAY IN THIS RAVINE.

BUT NOW IT'S AS YOU SEE.

...BEFORE MY GRAND-FATHER'S TIME, SEEMS THIS VILLAGE FLOURISHED AS A LODGING TOWN ON THE OLD HIGHWAY.

BEFORE THE NEW HIGHWAY WAS BUILT...

*FX: SALUTE

KEH!

NO PROBLEM. I'M A MILITARY MAN.

I HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR YOU ALL.

NEVERTHE-LESS, WE WON'T JUST LAY DOWN AND DIE, EH?

THIS SURE IS ONE SHABBY VILLAGE, THOUGH.

GOT A *CONTRACT* WITH GUTS THAT HE'LL TEACH ME THE SWORD!

I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A KNIGHT-ERRANT JOURNEY!

HOHHH ...

THOUGH OFFICIALLY YOU'RE THE LOWEST DISCIPLE IN MY SCHOOL OF ELF DIMENSION STYLE.

"J"?

A DIFFI-CULT, INCOM-PETENT DISCIPLE, MIND YOU.

*FX: SWP

*FX: VYNN

NO, I'M NOT!

N...

ARE YOU A FOLLOWER OF THAT BLACK SWORDS-MAN?

WHY'RE YOU TRAVELING WITH THEM, SON?

HE AIN'T JUST STRONG! HE'S A *BEAST!*

YOU THINK ?!

COMPARED TO HIM, THOSE TROLLS'RE LIKE PYGMY MARMOSETS.

SWINGING THAT GIGANTIC SWORD AROUND...

THAT SWORDS-MAN'S A STRONG FELLOW.

ACTUALLY, I CAN'T EVEN TELL *WHO'S* THE REAL BEAST.

EVEN NOW I GET CHILLS DOWN MY SPINE WHEN I WATCH HIM FIGHT UNDER THE MOON-LIGHT.

HE'S A MONSTER THAT *EATS* MONSTERS.

I GUESS...

*MUMBLE ボソ

...THAT'S WHERE MY SIGHTS ARE SET FOR NOW.

WELL...

NAH, I DON'T LIKE THAT WORD.

ADMIRE ?

YOU SURE ADMIRE HIM. ...?

I'M *USIN'* HIM!

.....

!

YOU GOT FAMILY ?

AND PERHAPS FOR NOW I'M HIS MASTER, YOU'D SAY.

ALREADY DEEP INTO THE DARK SIDE, THIS YOUNG ONE IS.

REALLY NOW...

YOU'RE A STRANGER. WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?!

WHO CARES ABOUT THAT?!

FEH!

*FX: TMP TMP

WHAT'S *YOUR* FAMILY THINKIN', LETTIN' YOU RUN AROUND LOOKIN' FOR A WITCH AT YOUR AGE?!

WHAT ABOUT YOU THEN, *HUH?*

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KEH!

...AREN'T YOUR PARENTS WORRIED ABOUT YOU?

RUN-AWAY ?

WELL, YES, BUT...

AND WHAT ABOUT *YOU*?!

YOU DIDN'T TALK BACK AT ALL!

THEY'RE ALL HEARTLESS.

AND WHAT'S WITH THOSE VILLAGERS?

EVEN IF SHE'S NO GOOD, YOU ***RISKED*** YOUR LIFE TO BRING BACK A WITCH, AND THEY TREAT YOU LIKE SOME KINDA BLOWHARD!

*FX: VNN VYNN

THIS IS WHERE MY FAMILY SLEEPS, ANYWAY.

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NO USE CLINGIN' TO THIS SHABBY VILLAGE, IS THERE?

YOU MIGHT AS WELL RUN AWAY FROM HOME, Y'KNOW?

WELL...

GUESS THAT'S TRUE.

IT'S TOO LATE IN LIFE FOR THAT.

HT HT!

*FX: HEH HEH HEH

BESIDES, EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE ENTRUSTED THEIR FATE TO THIS OLD CODGER. I'VE GOT NO COMPLAINTS.

NO, A FAMINE BEFORE THAT.

DID THE TROLLS GET 'EM?

...ONE MORE TIME BEFORE I DIE.

I GOT TO SEE HER...

DREAM ?

RATHER, I'M THANKFUL. I MEAN, HERE I AM THIS AGE AND MY DREAM WAS FULFILLED.

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LOOKING FOR WITCHES, CATCHING ELVES... I'D DITCH MY CHORES AND RUN AROUND THE MOUNTAINS AND FORESTS AT THE DROP OF A HAT.

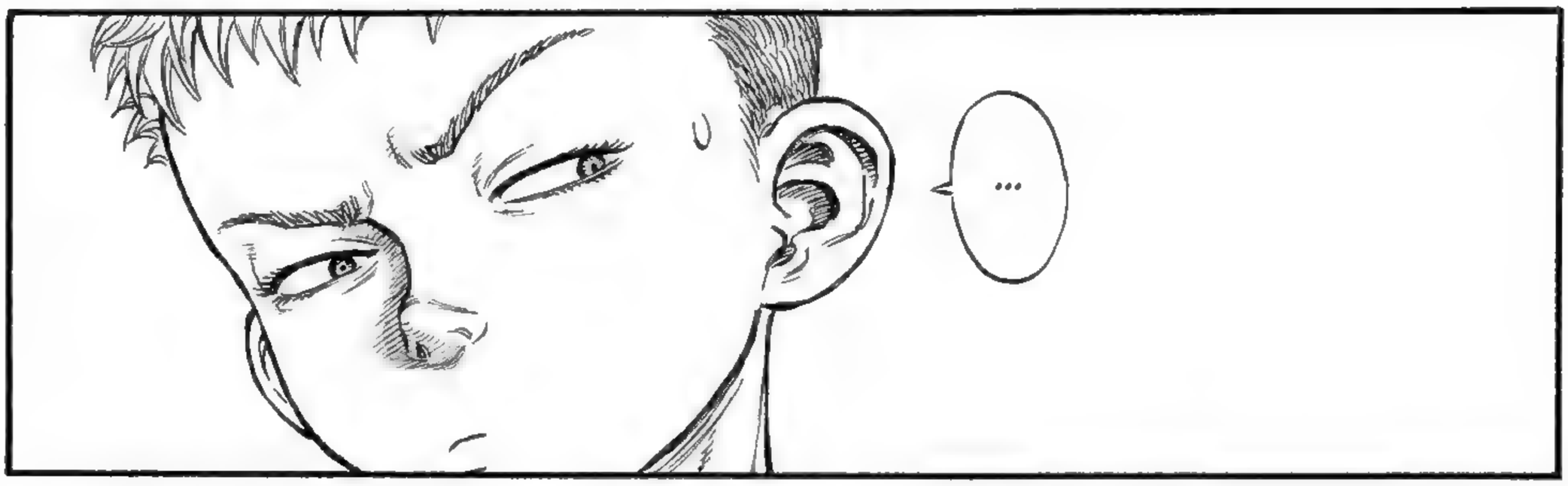
IT'S PROBABLY TRUE FOR ALL BOYS, BUT WHEN I WAS YOUNG I LOVED TO DAYDREAM.

...AND SET SAIL ALONE ON THE HIGH SEA FROM VRITANNIS...

LIKE YOU SAID, I IMAGINED THAT SOME DAY I'D SNEAK AWAY FROM THIS TINY VILLAGE...

...MY MOTHER FELL ILL.

...UNTIL...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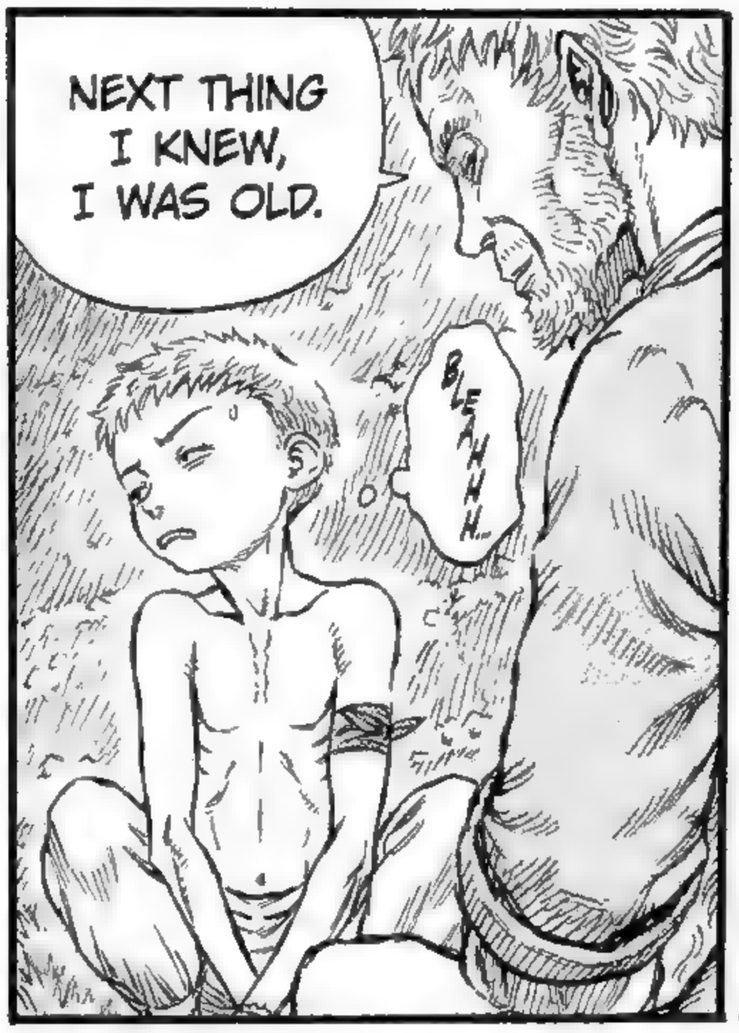
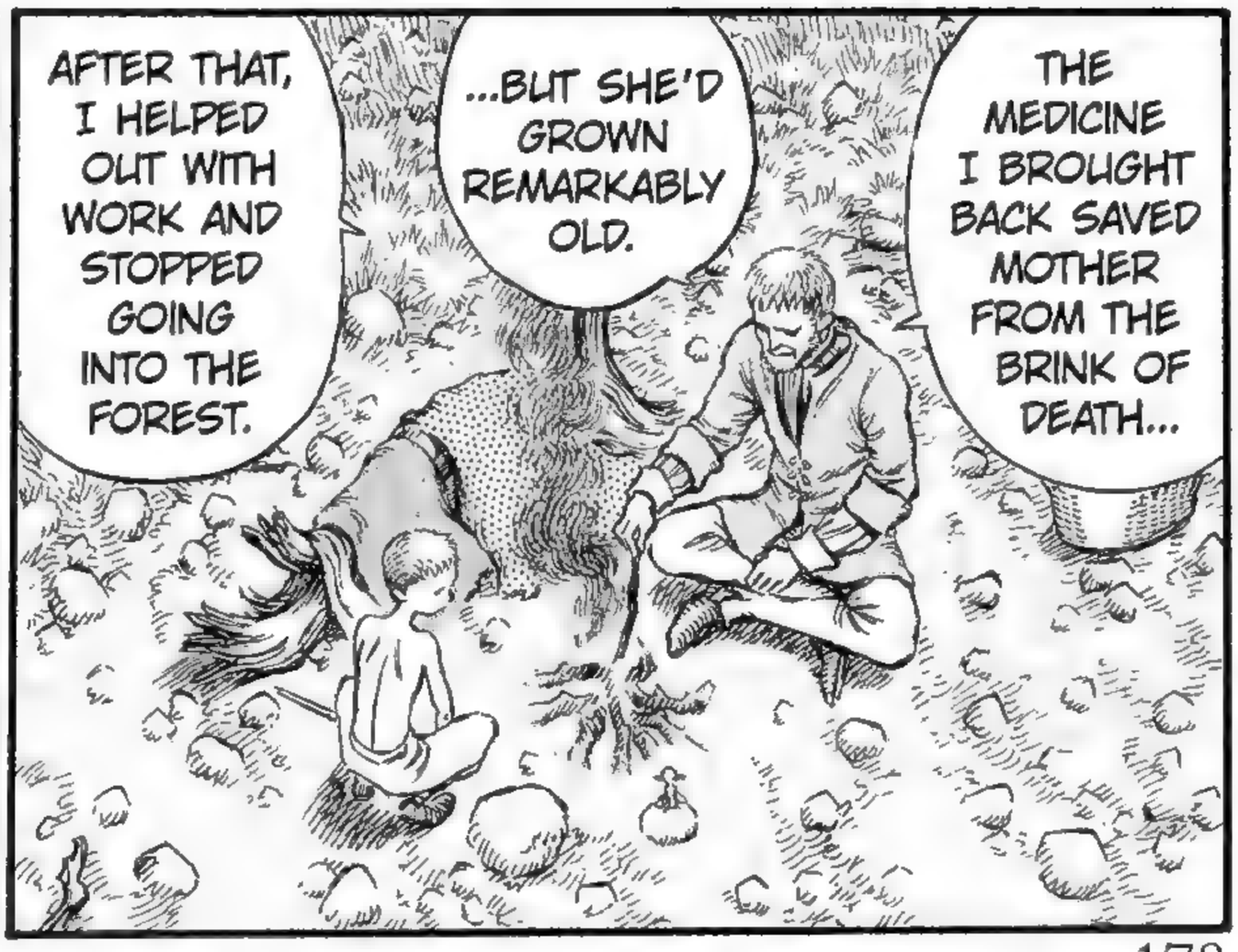
I HAD PROBABLY GONE THERE TO FIND A WITCH TO SAVE MOTHER FROM HER ILLNESS.
I DON'T WELL REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED THEN, BUT BEFORE I KNEW IT I WAS WANDERING AROUND DEEP IN THE FOREST.

...I ARRIVED AT THAT PLACE.
THEN, HALF IN A DREAM...


NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS OLD.
BLEHHHH...


AFTER THAT, I HELPED OUT WITH WORK AND STOPPED GOING INTO THE FOREST.
...BUT SHE'D GROWN REMARKABLY OLD.
THE MEDICINE I BROUGHT BACK SAVED MOTHER FROM THE BRINK OF DEATH...

UNCHANGED, AS SHE USED TO BE...

THAT ALONE WAS ENOUGH FOR ME.

SHE WAITED FOR ME, THOUGH.

DEEP INSIDE THAT FOREST...

A LONG TIME'S PASSED, AND AFTER SO MUCH NORMAL LIVING, MY MEMORY'S GROWN VAGUE.

BUT IT ALWAYS STAYED STUCK IN MY HEART.

THE ONE ADVENTURE I HAD.

WHETHER OR NOT IT REALLY HAPPENED...

*FX: LUNGE

DON'T TALK ABOUT THE GOOD OL' DEPRESSIN' DAYS!!

NOW'S A TIME FOR THE *YOUNG* !!

*SHWS

*SHWS

GOOD GRIEF, KIDS THESE DAYS.

RAAA

IF I GOTTA LISTEN TO ANY MORE OF YOUR STORIES, MY OWN AMBITION'S GONNA GROW MOLD!

SEE YA!

TEEN ANGST.

*BOLT

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THAT BOY...

HE SEEMS TO HAVE QUITE A HIGH OPINION OF YOU.

OH.

YOU WERE THERE.

I DON'T LIKE THIS PLACE.

THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE TO SET UP.

SO YEAH...

...IF THE VILLAGERS HOLD UP, IT WILL PROBABLY BE HERE.

WHEN THE TROLLS ATTACK...

...I HAVE TO STAY LEVEL HEADED ABOUT THIS.

ANYWAY...

YOW!

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*BSMP

BUT...

...THIS PLACE WHERE ...

...THE CHURCH WAS BUILT...

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, BRATS?! THAT'S DANGEROUS!

YOU TWO...

...WITCHES AND TROLLS ARE THE SAME!

THE PRIEST TOLD US...

GO AWAY, WITCH!

*FX: GCHAK

HEY, SCHIERKE! BLOW 'EM AWAY WITH MAGIC!

*THP

GO BACK TO THE FOREST!

*THAP

INSPECTING THE AREA?

NICE TIMING. THANKS!

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...NO WORSE THAN AN ARMY. THEY DIDN'T RAZE THE PLACE.

WELL ...

THE WHOLE PLACE'S BEEN RANSACKED GOOD.

*FX: BOW

...AT THE CEMETERY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING A QUICK WIT...

UH...

...I THINK LYING SO CASUALLY TO GET INTO...

...THE VILLAGE COULD COME BACK TO HAUNT US.

SHE'S SO HONEST.

HOW-EVER ...

I'D SAY THE OLD LADY TRAINED HER WELL.

NOT JUST TO THAT PRIEST.

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BACK THERE...

WASN'T THERE SOMETHIN' YOU WANTED TO SAY TO THAT PRIEST?

THAT SLANT-EYED DUDE'S NASTY!

YOU TELL 'EM, GIRL.

I THINK...

...THAT EVERY HUMAN IN THIS WORLD...

...THAT ALL OF THEM ARE MISTAKEN.

AMBITION AND REFLECTION: END

IT USED TO BE...

...A SHRINE TO THE SPIRITS OF THIS LAND.

THIS HILL UPON WHICH THIS CHURCH IS BUILT...

...THE SACRED PLACES OF THE SPIRIT FAITH WHERE THEY WERE BUILT.

MANY OF THE HOLY SEE'S CHURCHES ARE THAT WAY...

LITERALLY CRUSHING...

...IS NOTHING MORE THAN A TOOL BY WHICH TO DISPLAY ITS OWN POLITICAL POWER.

THE CURRENT DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SEE...

PEOPLE INVOKE THE NAME OF GOD WHEN GOING TO WAR.

THEY INVOKE THE NAME OF GOD WHEN SEEKING SALVATION.

OVER AND OVER, NEVER TIRING.

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THE HOLY EVIL WAR CHAPTER
TROLL RAID
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LONG AGO, MY MISTRESS LIVED IN A HUMAN HABITATION IN THIS VICINITY.

YOU MEAN YOU WITCHES ARE INCLUDED IN THAT?

SHE SAYS SHE WOULD GO AROUND TO THE NEEDY VILLAGES...

...CONVEYING THE SPIRITS' VOICES TO PEOPLE, TEACHING ABOUT EACH SEASON'S WEATHER, AND HEALING THEIR SICK.

WHO KNOWS HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE SAVED BY MY MISTRESS' MAGIC?

AS IF THEY HAD MADE A COMPLETE TURNAROUND, PEOPLE OSTRACIZED HER AND DROVE HER INTO THAT FOREST.

BUT WHEN THE HOLY SEE'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE SPREAD THROUGH THIS REGION, THEY BEGAN BUILDING CHURCHES IN VILLAGES.

...IN THE VERY ONES THEY ARE TRYING TO FORGET.

WHEN THE KEY THAT SAVES THEM MAY BE HIDDEN...

I CANNOT FORGIVE THEM.

IF NOT FOR MY MISTRESS' COMMAND, WHO WOULD BOTHER WITH SUCH A PLACE?

AND NOW...

...ALMOST AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED...

SINCE THEN MY MISTRESS HAS LIVED THERE...

...AS IF AVOIDING PEOPLE'S EYES AND HIDING.

THEN CALL IT QUITS.

...THERE'S NO NEED TO ENDANGER YOURSELF FOR THAT NASTY BUNCH.

WHA ?....

IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE IT...

AH...

ALL THE MORE REASON.

THAT OLD LADY'S GONNA DIE SOON, TOO.

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WHATTA YOU EXPECT? SHE REALLY IS A KID, Y'KNOW.

THAT'S A FOOL'S ERRAND, JUST KIDDIN' AROUND.

SOMEONE TELLS YOU TO DO SOMETHIN' YOU DON'T WANT TO DO, BUT YOU DO IT ANYWAY...

HEY, SCHIERKE.

...INSINCERE PERSON!!

WHAT AN ILL-MANNERED...

I'M THE ONE WHO BROUGHT HIM ALONG UNWILLINGLY!

...COULD NOT BE MY FATE!! NEVER!!!

SCHIERKE ?

SOMEONE LIKE HIM...

HEY...

BE STILL.

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DON'T MOVE.

YAAA! YAAA!

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BUT SCHIERKE SAID TO DO SO...

LADY FARNESE, IS IT NOT MEAN-INGLESS TO TIE THE HAIR ON CASCA WHEN SHE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WORDS ?

THAT THOUGHT TRANSFER-ENCE SENDS IMAGES ...

THOUGH I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND...

...NO, THIS WHOLE JOURNEY IN THE FIRST PLACE... EVEN NOW IS SOMETHING I REALLY SHOULD STOP...

TO BE HONEST, I THINK THIS TROLL SLAYING...

*FX: FLINCH

ビク.

CASCA !!

*SMACK

*FX: LUNGE

ENOUGH.

AH!

VEE!

.....

NOW WE'RE DONE.

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THERE.

IT'S ONE THING I COULDN'T DO...

BUT SHE HAS CHANGED.

PERHAPS IT'S FOR THE BEST.

NOW WE MATCH.

AU

THAT SMILE ON HER FACE...

SPIRITS OF WIND...

*FX: BTAM

...FETTERED TO NOTHING...

BLOWING ANYWHERE AND EVERYWHERE...

THEY ARE WHAT IS MOST ALIEN TO ME.

IT IS IRONIC.

*FX: VYUUUUU

*FX: CAWWW CAWWW

WHAT'S UP?

THEY'RE HERE.

THE TROLLS!!

TO THE CHURCH!!

LADY FARNESE !!

SERPICO !!

TELE-PATHY!

NO WAY !!

WAS THAT...?!

HEY!

H...

*FX: CAWWW CAWWW

*ZHA *ZHA *ZHA

*ZHA *ZHA *ZHA

*GEH *GEH

*GEH *GEH

A HUNDRED... NO, *MORE* OF THOSE DAMN THINGS!!

WHAT'S WITH THESE NUMBERS ?!

TROLLS ...!!

OH, RIGHT ...!!

FIRST THE HORN !!

H-HEY!! IF WE DON'T FLEE SOON, WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE!!

...SO THIS TIME THEY MEAN TO EAT *EVERY-THING!!*

THEY'VE RUN OUT OF THINGS TO STEAL...

*HRRRRRRN

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*HRRRRRRN

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*HRRRRRRN

IT'S A HUGE PACK OF TROLLS!!

EVERYONE TO THE CHURCH!!

HEY!!!

ANYWAY, LET US GO TO THE CHURCH. ALL THE VILLAGERS ARE GATHERING THERE.

WE DID, TOO.

I GOT THAT THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE ALREADY! SURE IS HANDY!

CREEPY, THOUGH!

*FX: DSSH

AIIEEE

NO OOO!!

*GOF
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*GEF
ゲッ

TROLLS !!

*HYNN

*FX: GRRR
ガルルル!

UH...?

*WHSSS
ソヨ!

SPIRITS...
SPIRITS...

REMEMBER SCHIERKE'S WORDS !!

SERPICO !!

ELEM-ENTA !

BE PRECISE!

OH... THAT'S RIGHT.

IMAGE...
IMAGE...

UMMM...

YES...

IT FELT LIKE THIS.

IGHH!

AGGHH!

WHOA! HERE THEY COME!

*ZHA

*ZHA

*ZHA

*ZHA

I AM DEPENDING UPON YOU, SPIRITS !!

*HYRRRL

*SHOMM

STOP

This is the back of the book!

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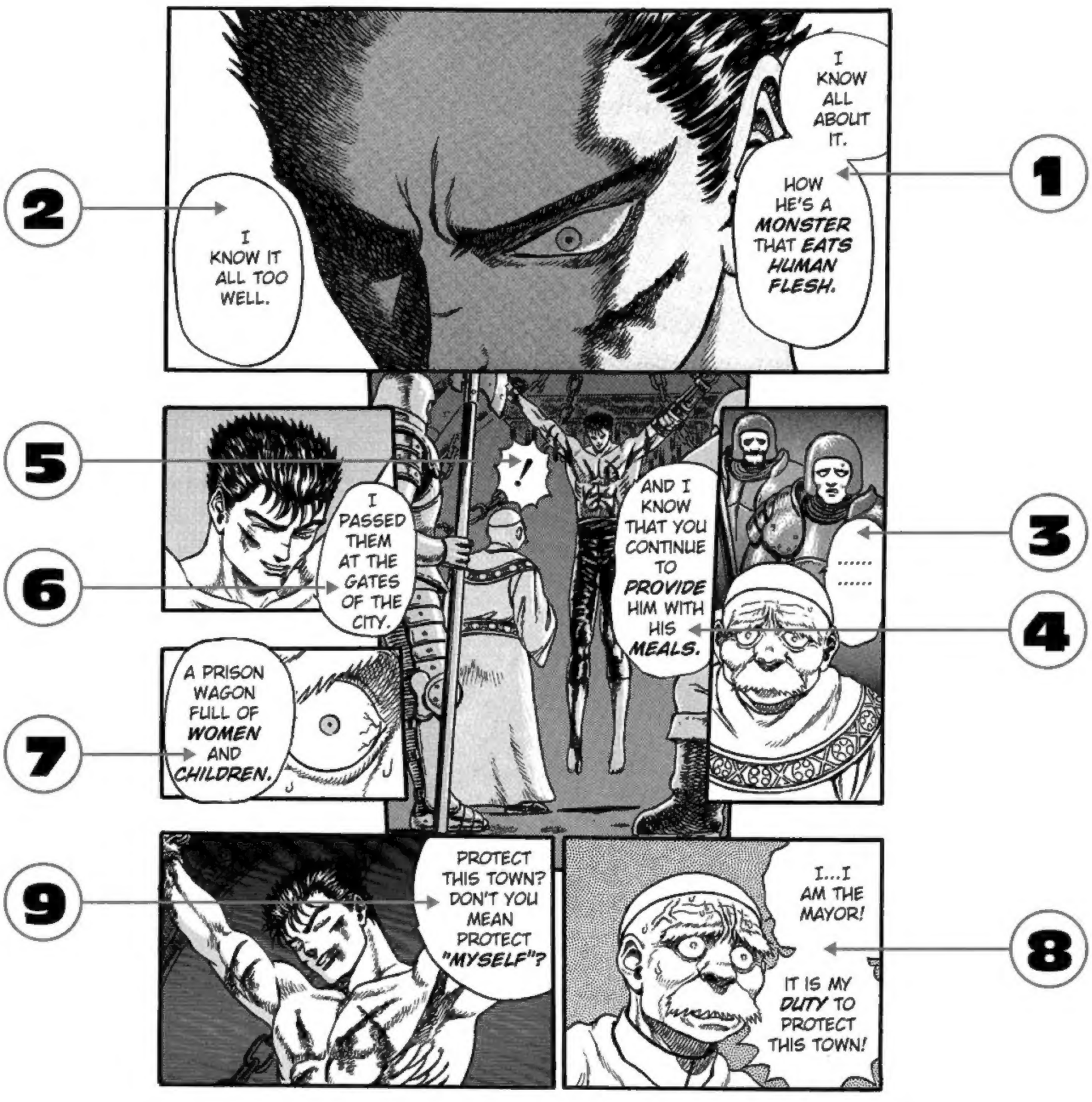

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Desperate to find a sanctuary where his lover, Casca, will be safe from the demons drawn to her Brand of Sacrifice, Guts the Black Swordsman pushes his motley band of followers onward toward fairy Puck's homeland, Elfheim. With new allies who make their home in a mystically guarded woodland paradise, Guts' goal seems within reach, but danger lurks in the shadows of even the most dazzling utopias, and even fairy witchery may not protect Guts and his companions from an army of marauding, murderous trolls!

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